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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

Conductor, engineer, express messenger and baggageman were killed in a wreck on the C. & O. railroad Sunday near Lynchburg, Va. —— The body of Miss Nellie Cropsey was taken North yesterday from Elizabeth City, N. C.; Wilcox has also been taken away, it is thought to Raleigh, where he will be confined in the penitentiary until his trial in March next. —— A dispatch from Berlin says an ultimatum will be issued within three days and an attack on Venezuela will follow directly after. —— Ex-Congressman Cowles died yesterday at his home in Wilkesboro. ——J. M. Rhea, a railroad engineer, murdered by four men near Leland, Miss.; the murderers were captured. —— Heavy rains have caused great damage in Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama and sections of North and South Carolina; railroad traffic at many points is blocked. —— Jim Jeffries and Tom Sharkey are matched for a fight. —— The lower part of the city of Richmond, Va., is flooded and people in that section of the city are moving out. —— A dispatch from Elizabeth City says Wilcox has not been removed from the jail at that place. —— New York markets: Money on call firm at 6@12 per cent., the market closing with 6 per cent. offered; cotton quiet at 8 7-16c; flour firmer but not quotably higher; wheat—spot firm; No. 2 red 88¼c; corn—spot firm; No. 2, 70¾c; rosin steady; strained common to good $1.55; spirits turpentine barely steady at 39@39¼c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 30.

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 54 degrees; 8 P. M., 43 degrees; maximum, 63 degrees; minimum, 42 degrees; mean, 52 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .04; rainfall since 1st of the month to date, 4.69 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 A. M. 25.2 feet

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—For North Carolina: Fair Tuesday and Wednesday; light to fresh northwest winds, diminishing.

Port Almanac—December 31.

Sun Rises	7.11 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.55 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 44 M.
High Water at Southport	11 44 A. M
High Water Wilmington	2.14 P. M

Senator Mason, of Illinois, is the only Senator that writes shorthand, but he talks as long as any of them.

An Ohio preacher has gotten a divorce because his wife liked medicine better than she liked him. Perhaps he was too much of a dose for her.

They are making valuable finds of platinum in the Klondike. In gouging for gold the miners threw up lots of it, but didn't know what it was.

Amos Rusie, one of the crack baseball pitchers, who got $3,500 a year, got fast, too fast, and is now digging sewers in New Park at $1.50 a day.

The sugar planters of Hawaii want to let the Chinese come in, and don't want any reciprocity with Cuba. For a new-comer Hawaii is putting on scollops.

Young Cornelius Vanderbilt delivered a lecture in Boston on locomotive boilers and the crowd of fashionable women who heard him said it was splendid.

A family has been found in Verona, Italy, the male members of which chew their cud just like cattle or sheep, or just like American girls chew gum.

Hunters in the Adirondacks have bagged in the past season 6,150 deer. A full list is not yet in of the fellows who were killed by being mistaken for deer.

It is said that neither Admiral Ramsay nor Benham ever commanded a first class ship in action, much less a squadron. That's why they found so little trouble in making up that verdict.

Kansas had a good crop of wheat this year, corn is away up and it is said the farmers have more money in bank than they ever had. But they have their troubles. Jerry Simpson threatens to break into politics again.

The brigands who captured Miss Stone have reduced the amount of ransom demanded about one half. She is so persistent in her efforts to convert them they are afraid she might succeed and then they would have to release her for nothing.

For LaGrippe and Influenza use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.

For sale by Hardin's Palace Pharmacy.

LOCAL DOTS.

— The Clyde Liner *Oneida* cleared yesterday for New York.

— Watch-night services will be held at Grace church to night, beginning at 11:15 o'clock.

— The Brooklyn Baptist Sunday school will give its annual entertainment to-morrow night.

— Stonewall Lodge No. 1, Knights of Pythias, conferred the second rank upon a candidate last night.

— A two-weeks' term of New Hanover Superior Court, for the trial of criminal cases, will be convened next Monday.

— The annual Christmas festival of St. Matthew's English Lutheran church, North Fourth street, this evening. The public is cordially invited.

— The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will give a reception in the lecture room of the First Baptist church to-day, beginning at 3:30 o'clock.

— There will be an interesting New Year's entertainment in the lecture room of the First Baptist church to-night. It will begin at 9 and last until 10 o'clock.

— The Christmas tree exercises of St. Paul's Episcopal church, postponed from Saturday night on account of the inclement weather, will be held to-night, beginning at 7.30 o'clock.

— L'Elite German Club, composed of the younger set, will give a delightful dance in the Masonic Temple to-night. Mr. Platt Davis will lead and the music will be by the Carolina Orchestra, of Raleigh.

— Major General Fitzhugh Lee has signed a contract with the Southern Lyceum Bureau to appear upon the lecture platform, speaking upon the subject, "Peace and War in the United States and Cuba."

— "A Breezy Time" will be at the Opera House to-morrow, matinee and night. The company carries a band and orchestra and will give a noonday parade. The price at the matinee will be 25 cents for everybody.

— The funeral of the late Mrs. G. M. M. Tietgen, whose death on Greenville Sound has already been chronicled, was held yesterday noon from the late residence. The remains were brought up to the city and laid to rest in Oakdale cemetery.

— Attached to a south-bound freight engine on the W., C. & A. railroad, which left yesterday afternoon, were fifty two freight cars, which made an altogether long string. It was pulled by one of the Coast Line's mammoth "copper head" locomotives.

— The colored people will celebrate Wednesday, January 1st, 1902, the 39th anniversary of the emancipation declaration of President Abraham Lincoln, at the Central Baptist church, corner of Seventh and Red Cross streets. Exercises will begin at 11 A. M., with J. O. Nixon master of ceremonies.

— The percentage of Sunday school attendance at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church during the past month and past year has been the largest in its history. The church, too, has enjoyed a year of much prosperity, and its pastor, the Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, should be warmly congratulated. There are no more earnest or popular pastors than he.

— "King" Bell, a negro employed about the river, was found dead in his bed at his home in Kellogg's alley, about 7 o'clock last night. His brother reported to Policeman Leon George that he was unable to wake him, and the officer went to the house and found him lying on his face, where he had been since Sunday. Dr. Bell, the coroner, did not deem an inquest necessary from the circumstances.

Married Sunday Morning.

Sunday morning at 8 o'clock at the residence of Mr. Jas. E. Smith, No. 412 Queen street, Miss Maggie Creech of this city, was quietly married to Mr. Anderson Robertson, of Randleman, N. C., Elder J. P. King, of the Advent church, officiating. The bride and groom left on the A. & Y. train for Randleman, their future home.

German Last Night.

The Terpischorean German Club gave a delightful dance last night in Germanian Hall, which was beautifully decorated by Rehder, the florist, for the occasion. The music was by the Carolina Orchestra, of Raleigh, and about 25 couples participated. Mr. Frank Shepard with Mrs. Somers gracefully led.

Case is Admiralty.

Hearing was begun yesterday by Referee Geo. H. Howell in the U. S. Court room in the case of London Cotton, colored, versus the Clyde Steamship Co. Herbert McClammy, Esq., appeared for the libellant and J. O. Carr, Esq., of the firm of Rountree & Carr, for the defendant. The hearing was continued until next Monday.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Notice—Schedule B tax.
Johnson Stock—Big sale.
Y. M. C. A.—Edw. R. Weeks Co.
Mechanics' Home Asso'n—New series
H. J. Bierman & Co.—Sour Krout.
Jas. Galley—Administrator's notice.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Lost—Gold locket.

New Year's presents in great variety at the Racket Store.

THEY STOLE BRASS.

Band of Young Negro Thieves Who Are Charged With Stealing Brass.

IN JUSTICE M'GOWAN'S COURT

Procured Front Door Key of Junk Dealer's Place and Went Into Business On the Wholesale—Held for the Higher Court.

Arthur Taylor, Dan Washington, Andrew Bell and Charles Hawkins, negro boys who have composed a band of young thieves in Wilmington, were tried before Justice James M. McGowan yesterday and bound over to the Superior Court. In default of bond they were committed to jail.

These boys have been the source of much annoyance in Wilmington for the past year or two and they have been arrested on similar charges on former occasions and have served at the work house, but nothing seems to turns their hands from appropriating what belongs to others.

These young negroes are implicated in several cases of stealing recently and the officers have been on a sharp lookout for them. Their own anxiety to accumulate a little Christmas money got them into trouble. From testimony given in before Squire McGowan yesterday it seems that they have been stealing brass, lead and other metal from a man named L. Abrelwitz, who runs a place on Chesnut street, between Walnut and Front, and selling same to Mr. A. W. Watson, who is now doing business on Water street, between Princess and Chesnut.

About ten days ago one of the boys stole the front door key from Abrelwitz's place and since that time the gang has had free access to the shop, taking many pounds of metal. Constable Sheehan got on their tracks and Christmas morning found two of the boys at Mr. Watson's shop with lead to sell. By arresting one of them, he succeeded in finding the others.

Two of these boys on Christmas eve night went into the store of Mr. G. C. Simmons, keeper of weights for the county of New Hanover, and stole two 25 pound brass weights, which Mr. Simmons has identified. The boys claim that they sold them to Mr. Watson, but he denies emphatically any knowledge of having bought them. At any rate the weights were found behind Mr. Peschau's store on Water street. Mr. Watson assisted in making the search for them.

Zinc with "Western Union" stamped on it was found on the third floor of Mr. Watson's building. This property was stolen from the telegraph company, but who did it is unknown.

The capture of the four young thieves means the riddance of a great nuisance to the community, for a time at least.

Much petty thieving has been going on in Wilmington for some time, and the officers of the law are diligently searching for the guilty parties.

MARRIED IN VIRGINIA.

Dr. Peter John, of Laurinburg, and Miss Watkins, of Smithville, Va., Married.

Dr. Peter John, of Laurinburg, N. C., was married to Miss Nannie S. Watkins in the Presbyterian church in Smithville, Virginia, at 9 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, December 24th. He was attended by Mr. Jas. C. McEachin of this city, as best man. The father of the bride gave her away, and her sister, Miss Janie Watkins, was maid of honor. Dr. A. J. McKelway, of the *Presbyterian Standard*, assisted by the home pastor, officiated.

Dr. John, is a University boy, a graduate of the University of Maryland Medical College, and was a student at Guilford College, so that his acquaintances are very numerous throughout the State, and to many this will be news. He is a brother of Rev. R. B. John, P. E., of Wilmington. The bride is a first cousin of Dr. McKelway.

"The Evolution of a Girl."

Dr. William Edwin Hall, the distinguished platform entertainer, of New York, will lecture in the annex of the First Baptist church Tuesday night, January 14th, on the "Evolution of a Girl." Hundreds who heard Dr. Hall last March on the "Fool Killer" and "How to Get Married and Stay So," will greet this announcement with pleasure. He thrilled the hundreds at the Y. M. C. A. and at the church, on the "Mistakes of Ingersoll" and "Yesterday, To-day and Forever." Dr. Hall is easily the most popular entertainer Wilmington has heard. He comes again under the management of the ladies of the First Baptist church.

Merchants and Liquor Dealers.

The Register of Deeds announces that all liquor dealers are required by law, during the first ten days in January, to give in and pay tax on their purchases of liquor during the six months immediately preceding January 1st, 1902.

At the same time dealers in merchandise are required to give in and pay tax on the gross amount of their sales (including cigars and tobacco) during the year 1901.

Postoffice Hours Wednesday.

One collection and delivery by carriers. Registry department open from 9 to 10 A. M. General delivery and stamp windows open from 9 to 10 A. M.

Fireworks at Gaylord's at half price to-day.

MR. JAMES O'NEILL.

In Leibler and Company's Spectacular Production of Monte Cristo Thursday Night—One of Best Attractions.

Mr. James O'Neill and a supporting company of great strength will appear at the Opera House next Thursday in Liebler & Co.'s great scenic production of "Monte Carlo," which was one of the greatest successes of the season last year in New York and Chicago. Liebler & Co. made the production with special attention to scenic display, rich costuming and elaborate electrical effects. They did not, however, let the company suffer on this account, as will be seen by a glance at the cast. It includes that great character actor, Mr. Frederic De Belleville; Miss Selene Johnson, a leading woman of great talent; James O'Neill, Jr., Warren Conlan, W. J. Dixon, Claude Gilbert, Joseph Slaytor, Mark Ellsworth, Edward Lolly, Edgar Forrest, Kate Fletcher, Virginia Keating and Rebecca Hock. A subsidiary company of fifty people is employed. Seat sale begins this morning at Gerken's.

TRAPPED HIM NICELY.

Constable Sheehan Sprung a Big Surprise in Judge McGowan's Court Yesterday.

A young negro was arrested yesterday by Officer William Sheehan on the charge of stealing a fifty pound tub of butter and three dressed turkeys from The Orton on December 21st. The negro was completely trapped. Officer Sheehan summoned him to appear as a witness in the case against the four negro boys charged with stealing brass, lead, zinc, etc., and while in 'Squire McGowan's court room walked up to the negro and put the "nippers" on him. He protested strongly against wearing the "steel bracelets," and when Mr. Sheehan told him what he was arrested for there was a general "scatteration" of the large number of colored spectators at the trial. This "cunning way of Mr. Bill Sheehan," as one of the number expressed it, seemed to be too much for a few of them.

SOLDIER'S BODY FOUND.

Body of Corporal LaClair, Who Was Drowned, Recovered Yesterday. Used Dynamite.

The body of Corporal Willie La Clair, who was drowned near Fort Caswell Tuesday while returning from Southport with three companions in a small boat, was recovered about noon yesterday near the spot where the young man met his tragic death.

A detail of ten men was sent out again yesterday, and, after discharging several rounds of dynamite in the water, the corpse floated to the surface of the water. The body was removed to the fort.

Dr. C. H. LaClair, of Uniontown, Pa., a brother of Corporal LaClair, who came down to join in the search, returned to the city yesterday afternoon to make arrangements for returning North with the remains.

WEEKS CONCERT COMPANY.

Will Give New Year's Reception at the Y. M. C. A.—High Class Attraction.

Mr. Edwin R. Weeks, an unique impersonator, assisted by Miss Elizabeth Weeks, contralto, and mandolinist, and Miss Janet Ostrander, soprano and banjoist, compose a company of fine stars that will entertain a large audience Wednesday evening, January 1st, 1902, at the Y. M. C. A.

The box sheet opened yesterday and the indications are that a large audience will greet the Weeks Concert Company Wednesday evening.

Mr. Weeks is most original in his impersonations and every reader of "David Harum" should hear his "Hoss Trade." The Weeks Concert will give a greater variety of entertainment than any other concert booked for the course, as it will include humorous recitations and impersonations, duets and solos, both vocal and instrumental.

Doors open at 8:00 P. M. Admission, members of the Association Course, 25 cents; non-members, 50 cents. Ten cents extra for reserved seats.

Cotton Chopper and Cultivator.

Mr. J. B. Farrar, of this city, has invented a compound cotton chopper and cultivator which he claims to be a great labor saving machine. This no doubt will be a benefit to cotton planters generally, and we hope that he will meet with success in the sale of it.

Removal of Memphis Office.

The Seaboard Air Line has issued the following circular:

"The office of John W. Turner, Commercial Agent of the Seaboard Air Line Railway at Memphis, Tenn., has been removed from Room No. 109, Porter Building, to No. 10, Madison street.

"CHAS. R. CAPPS,
"General Freight Agent."

Dr. Harry Honnet Returned.

Dr. J. Harry Honnet returned Sunday night to New York city. Dr. Honnet will resume his practice and continue his work at Cornell University, where he has been appointed assistant surgeon. Mr. George Honnet, Jr., the optician, accompanied him, and will spend a few days in the Metropolis with his brother.

ELKS' SOCIAL SESSION

Wilmington Lodge No. 532 Fittingly Celebrated Its Second Anniversary Last Night.

AN ELABORATE STAG SMOKER

Regular Exercises Preceded Observance of an Informal But Altogether Enjoyable Nature—Distinguished Members Spoke of Its Progress.

The stag smoker given last night by the Wilmington Lodge of Elks in celebration of its second anniversary was one altogether enjoyable and very appropriate to the occasion. The handsome Temple of the lodge on Front street was the scene of the festivities, and there was fun and merry-making until an early hour this morning.

After regular lodge exercises, during which Chief of Police Furlong was made one of "the best people on earth," the members present repaired to the second floor where the social session was instituted. It was called to order by William J. Bellamy, Esq., who acted as chairman, and there was one continued round of pleasure after another until the session was declared ended.

Mr. Bellamy in calling the session to order explained its purpose and elaborated upon the social features of Elkhood. The social session, he said, was one of the most important of Elk customs; it cemented the affection of members for one another and has had much to do with the success of the order in the world.

About seventy-five members of Wilmington lodge and visiting brethren were in attendance, among the distinguished guests being Fred Harper, Esq., of Lynchburg, Va., and Mr. Wynn, of Dallas, Texas. Mr. Harper made a pleasing talk which was greatly enjoyed by those present. An informal programme of songs, recitations, etc., was observed and after adjournment of the social session, the assembly gathered in the front parlors where a delightful musicale was given under the direction of Mr. Adolf Goodman.

The entire celebration reflected nothing but the greatest credit upon the general committee of arrangements, composed of Messrs. L. Stein (chairman) Ike Solomon and E. E. David.

PRETTY CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT

Fifth Street Sunday School Enjoyed Holiday Celebration at the City Hall.

Fifth Street Sunday school enjoyed an elaborate and well arranged Christmas entertainment at the City Hall last evening.

The principal feature of the yuletide celebration was a pretty Christmas tree, from which was distributed many pleasing gifts for the children and older folk. Mr. M. Marshburn made an altogether good Santa Claus and displayed much tact and merriment in the distribution.

The success of the event is largely due to Mr. Marshburn, Mr. John T. Sholar, the Sunday school superintendent, and the following committee of arrangements: Mrs. John T. Sholar, Mrs. Andrew Blair and Mrs. Amelia Sholar.

Funeral of Mr. Louis Solomon.

The remains of the late Mr. Louis Solomon, whose death at Macon, Ga., has been noted in these columns, reached the city yesterday morning at 10:15 o'clock accompanied by his son, Mr. Albert Solomon. The funeral was held at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon from the residence of Mr. S. Solomon, No. 710 Market street, and the remains were tenderly laid to rest in Oakdale cemetery. The funeral services were conducted in an impressive manner by the Rev. Dr. S. Mendlesohn, rabbi of the Temple of Israel. The pall bearers were: Honorary: Messrs. J. Well, Wm. Goodman, and I. L. Greenewald; active, Messrs. A. David, A. Shrier, Sol. Bear, A. Weil and L. Bluethenthal.

Paving on Princess Street.

The brick for the Princess street pavement, between Second and Fourth, is being laid. The work was begun yesterday and is being done by Wm. McLean & Company, for Roger Moore's Sons & Co., who were awarded the contract by the city. The announcement that this section of the street is being paved will be read with much interest by the citizens generally. When the two blocks are completed, Princess street will be one of the prettiest and most popular thoroughfares in the city. Not very many days will be requred to do the work.

Didn't Buy the Horses.

Chief Charles Schnibben returned Sunday night from Baltimore, where he went to buy a pair of horses for the Wilmington Fire Department. But he did not make a purchase, as he saw nothing good enough for this department. There were plenty of horses, but they were not up to the standard established here. Only the very best horses can be used in the Wilmington department, and Chief Schnibben and the Fire Committee are determined not to buy any inferior horse flesh.

It's Not Too Late

for you to get a nice present to give in return. I have sold a large quantity of novelties and other nice goods, but still I have a nice line to select your New Year's gifts from. They are too numerous to mention. J. T. Burke, the jeweller, 27 South Front street.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. C. H. Cooper returned to the city last evening.

— Col. W. L. DeRosset left yesterday for Richmond.

— Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Wilder returned home last night.

— President Thomas Wilson, of the Wilson and Summerton road, was here yesterday.

— Miss Isabel Bryan, of Newbern, passed through the city to-day en route to Charlotte.

— Miss Falks, of New York, arrived last night on her way to Augusta, Ga. She is visiting relatives in the city.

— Mrs. A. F. Bowen and children returned to Raleigh yesterday, after a visit to the family of Col. W. J. Woodward.

— Mr. N. L. Smith, agent for the Cable Piano Company, returned last night from a business trip to Georgetown and Florence, S. C.

— Miss Lizzie Weimar, principal of St. Paul's Lutheran Academy, returned last night from her home, where she spent the holidays.

— Mr. F. A. Wood, of Camden Crossing, S. C., who has been spending Christmas with his mother in the city, returned home yesterday.

— Hon. J. A. Brown of Chadbourn, arrived last night on his way to Raleigh to attend a meeting of the Directors of the State Penitentiary.

— Mrs. Adam Empie and Mrs. Louis Poisson will give a tea from 4 to 8 o'clock P. M., Friday, in honor of Mrs. Theodore Empie, of New York.

— Mr. John B. Cranmer, now taking a course in medicine at the State University, came up from Southport to-day, where he has been visiting relatives, and will return to Chapel Hill in a day or two.

— Mr. W. J. Martin, city editor of the Raleigh *Post*, returned home yesterday after a short visit to the city. Mrs. Martin, who accompanied him, will visit her parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. D. McMillan, for some time.

THE GYMNASIUM WORK.

Y. M. C. A. Classes Will Show Some of Their Training To-morrow.

The Boys' New Year's reception at the Y. M. C. A. will be given to-morrow morning, beginning at 10 o'clock. The features will be games and gymnasium exercises and a jolly good time is in store for all who attend. All boys are especially invited to attend and partake of the feast. The gymnasium programme at the reception in the afternoon will be given from 4:30 to 5:30. The exercises will consist of class drills with dumb bells, apparatus work on a horse and parallel bars. Diving, pillow fights and railroading. Percy Wells, the expert from Norfolk, will give some interesting feats on the trapeze. There will be a basket ball contest by picked teams.

The first aid to the injured class will show some demonstrations of their skill on emergency cases. The public is invited. Exhibition free.

Bound Over to Court.

Walter Silvia, white, and "Bud" Green, colored, whose escapade at the store of Mr. James Chapman on Christmas eve has been told of in these columns, were given preliminary trial by Mayor Waddell yesterday on charges of forcible trespass. Each was bound over to the Superior Court in a bond of $150, that of Silvia having been given by his mother and the negro having gone to jail in default. Silvia's wound is doing well, but that of the negro is not so favorable.

To Leave For Clio, S. C.

Mr. Harry M. Croswell, a popular member of the clerical force of the Atlantic National Bank, this city, will leave to-day for Clio, S. C., where he will become cashier of the Bank of Clio, a flourishing institution in an enterprising town. Mr. Croswell is deservedly popular in Wilmington and hundreds of friends here wish him nothing less than the greatest success.

FORMER NORTH COROLINIAN.

Mr. H. M. Holleman Elected President of the Harvard Auto Corporation, of Boston.

[*Boston Daily Traveller.*]

"The election of H. M. Holleman of Boston to the presidency of the Harvard Auto Corporation, owners and operators of fourteen large automobile stations in as many cities throughout New England, is one of the developments of the week in the financial world that will particularly interes the people of Boston and North Carolina. Mr. Holleman is a North Carolinian, being the son of Rev. J. M. Holleman of Apex, and has, for several years, been engaged in the banking business in Boston, where he has succeeded in financing a number of the largest and most successful enterprises in the North.

The combined capital of this consolidation will doubtless be several million dollars and Mr. Holleman will represent the majority financial interest therein. Mr. Holleman's personal banking and financial business, covering New England with thirty-six offices, does the largest business of its kind in the United States. He is also interested in ten other corporations, and it is stated that every financial proposition which he has undertaken has been successful. Who knows but what North Carolina, in Mr. Holleman, may have given to the world another "Napoleon of Finance!"

Calendars for 1902 at the Racket Store at half price to-day.

Armour in Florence.

Yesterday's Florence *Times*: "It is stated that the great Armour Packing Company of Chicago will establish a distributing depot in Florence. Mr. R. C. Rollins, who has been on the road for some months, it is understood, will be in charge of the establishment. The warehouse, it is said, will be located near the steam laundry, convenient to the Coast Line side track which runs thereby. Mr. Rollins is here to day making arrangements for the opening of the depot."

Clyde Steamer Delayed.

On account of dense fog and very rough weather, the Clyde steamer *Geo. W. Clyde*, will not arrive early this morning as usual, but will reach this port on Thursday morning. She left New York yesterday.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Administrator's Notice.

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Grace Priscilla Dixon, deceased, this is to notify all persons indebted to the deceased to make immediate payment to me, and all persons to whom she was indebted to present their claims to me on or before the 31st day of December, 1902, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery.

This the 9th day of December, 1901.

JAMES GALLEY, Commissioner.
A. J. MARSHALL, Attorney. tu dec 31 6t

The Edw. R. Weeks Co.

—WILL APPEAR IN THE—

Y. M. C. A. AUDITORIUM

As the New Year's Concert,

Wednesday, Jan. 1st.

Admission — Members of the Association Course, 25c. Non-members, 35c. Reserved seats 10c extra; now on sale. dec 31 1t

SCHEDULE B.

All Liquor Dealers are required by law, during the first ten days in January, to give in and pay tax upon their purchases of Liquor during the six months immediately preceding January 1st, 1902.

At the same time Dealers in Merchandise are required to give in and pay tax upon the gross amount of their sales (including Cigars and Tobacco) during the year 1901.

W. H. BIDDLE, Register of Deeds.
dec 31 1t

Opera House

Wednesday, January 1st.

MATINEE AND NIGHT.

"A Breezy Time."

Big company of funny fellows and pretty girls. Watch for the Golf Club band. Parade at noon. Prices 25c, 50c and 75c. Price Matinee 25c for everybody. dec 29 3t

A CARD.

Notice is hereby given that Sam'l J. Springer has been admitted to membership in our firm.

J. A. SPRINGER & CO.
dec 25 1w

Wanted, Furs.

5,000 Raccoon Skins.
5,000 Fox Skins.
5,000 Opossum Skins.
1,000 Mink Skins.

And Furs of all description. Highest prices paid. Quotations furnished on application.

SAM'L BEAR, Sr.,

nov 24 tf 18 Market street.

"WE WILL BOND YOU."

The United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company.

Home Office, - BALTIMORE, MD.

Paid up Cash Capital, $1,500,000.00

Surety Bonds of every description.

FIDELITY. CONTRACT. JUDICIAL

Judicial bonds executed without delay.

C. D. WEEKS, General Agent,
Smith Building, Wilmington, N. C.
Correspondence solicited. nov 28 2m

The Big Sale of the Johnson Stock

BEGINS ON

Friday, January 3rd, 9 A. M.,

at the Old Place, next to Orton Hotel.

$15,000 Stock

TO BE SOLD AT

25 and 50 cents on $1.00.

Every article must be sold. They are bound to go at the prices we will mark on them. We mention just a few items:

$1.25 Velvets 50c per yard.
$1.75 and $2.00 Velvets 89c per yard.
$1.00 Kid Gloves, best quality, 50c per pair.
35c Fine Linings, 10c per yard.

Doors will open promptly at 9 A. M.

Friday, January 3rd, 1902.

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Mechanics' Home Associat'n

23RD SERIES OF STOCK.

Subscription List is now open. Payments will commence Saturday, January 4th, 1902.

Controlling ample Capital, we solicit applications for Mortgage Loans to Stockholders, with prompt attention.

NATH'L JACOBI, President. W. M. CUMMING, Secretary.
dec 31 5t

Cuban Blossom Cigar 5c

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"PROTECTION RUN MAD."

The Philippine tariff bill isn't going to be run through the Senate as easily or as quickly as it was ran through the House, where the Republicans caucussed on it, decided on a two days debate and then run it through accordingly. Of course the debate was a mere matter of formality, as the bill was practically agreed upon by the majority before the debate began. But the idea of settling a tariff bill with a two days debate, a bill in which ten millions of people on one side and seventy-six millions on the other are interested, is in itself absurd.

There were in the House a considerable number of Republicans, principally from the West, who were opposed to it and probably would have voted against it if it had not been for the caucus whip, [illegible] courage of their convictions and only three stuck. One of these, F. C. Stevens, of Minnesota, is quoted by the Washington correspondent of the Baltimore *Sun* as giving the following reasons why he voted against it:

"Although this bill was ostensibly a revenue measure for the benefit of the Philippines, yet in effect as to some clauses it was protection run mad for the benefit of the United States. I voted against the bill for these three reasons:

"First, its enactment will prevent the development of the islands, inasmuch as the United States furnishes the largest and best market in the world for its products.

"Second, it will prevent trade with the United States since, if there are no cargoes of goods between the Philippines and the United States, freights will be too high between this country and the archipelago.

"Third, it will effect a serious loss of revenue, since all the revenue the islands will receive upon exports to any country other than the United States will be the export tax only, which last year amounted to $700,000, while, if a substantial part of these products were brought to the United States free of export duty and paid 50 or 70 per cent. of the Dingley bill rates, the Philippine Treasury would receive the duties levied in this country under the provisions of the bill, which would amount to at least $1,500,000 a year, and which would rapidly increase from year to year."

This is substantially, it is said, the view of this bill held by a number of Republican Senators from the West, who will insist upon material amendments before they permit to pass.

But the Taft Commission doesn't like it and neither does the Sugar Trust. Speaking of the former the correspondent says:

"Advices which reach here from Manila state that the Taft Commission is dissatisfied with the measure in its present shape and furthermore there is a feeling among Republican Senators that the bill is drawn upon protection lines too strict and rigid to warrant its enactment into law.

"The Taft Commission, according to dispatches, has announced that the application of the Dingley rates upon articles from the Philippines to the United States, as provided in the bill, is an outrage and will result eventually in a paralysis of trade between the two countries. The commission thinks that 50 per cent. of these rates will about fit the situation and it is believed that Secretary of War Root will so recommend to the Senate when called upon to give his views."

The Taft Commission could have framed a tariff bill that might have met the conditions, for it would not have been so much influenced by the protected interests in this country as the gentleman who concocted that bill were, and that's what is going to give it trouble in the Senate, and would make it a failure as a tariff measure if it passed in its present shape. In the following the correspondent tells why the Sugar Trust is kicking against it:

"The fact that the list of commodities taxable under this clause of the bill includes raw sugar will arouse the opposition of the Sugar Trust, and that corporation is expected to have a powerful lobby at work in its effort to secure the elimination of the objectionable provision. The Sugar Trust has been clamoring for free raw sugar and is determined to beat the export tax, if possible, even though it may not be successful in defeating the application of the Dingley rates, or any portion of it, at the United States ports."

The Sugar Trust wants free raw sugar for with that it would have the upper hand of the beat sugar men, and the Sugar Trust uses some pretty persuasive arguments when its lobby gets down to work.

Another objection by some Senators is the export tax feature of the bill on articles shipped to the [illegible] States. This is really a [illegible] tax on the same article, one [illegible] the exporter, the other by [illegible]porter, and between the two they simply crush traffic in the articles to which this double tax applies. They are trying to whip the devil around the stump by calling this a tax in lieu of an internal revenue tax, which couldn't be very well carried out in the Philippines just now and probably not for some considerable time to come, but calling it a substitute for an internal tax does not change it or make it less objectionable or bring it more within the legitimate power of the framers of that bill. Under the constitution export taxes are prohibited but between the U. S. Supreme Court and the Congress of the U. S. they have made such a mess of the constitution that it doesn't figure much more in dealing with our new acquisitions than Branson's Almanac does. But some of the Republican Senators, (and of course the Democratic Senators) are going to fight this export tax.

If it were not for the fact that his bill is an "outrage," as it is characterized by the Taft Commission, it would be ridiculous, for while professing to encourage trade between the Philippines and this country, it makes trade impossible, for there could be no trade with such shackles on it. England, Germany and other countries have the bulk of that trade now and would have more of it, for the duties levied on some of the Philippine products entering our ports would compel exporters to seek other markets where they would encounter fewer obstacles, and stand some chance of success. One of the main reasons given for holding on to these islands is their wealth of resources and their immense possibilities when these resources are developed by American enterprise, which, they say, is necessary, and yet they enact a tariff bill which would prevent any man with an ordinary amount of common business sense from risking his money by putting it into productive enterprises in those islands. It is simply absurd to call such a tariff a measure to encourage enterprise in those islands or trade between them and this country.

A BELATED REMOVAL.

When Secretary Long, on the direction of the President, asked for the resignation of historian Maclay. He (Maclay) propounded the following questions to the Civil Service Commission:

"1. Has the President of the United States any authority under the laws governing the civil service to demand the resignation of a civil service employe in the classified list?

"Has the President the authority or power to cause the dismissal of any civil service employe without preferring charges in writing and giving said employe an opportunity in which to make a defence? Very respectfully yours,

To this Mr. John R. Procter, President of the commission, replied as follows:

"In response you are informed that it contratry to the commission to undertake to answar hypothetical questions. Your separation from the service, according to the facts in your case as they appeared in the public press, was made upon the order of the Secretary of the Navy, in whom the power of removal rests. The demand for your resignation, followed by your removal, upon the direction of the President through the Secretary of the Navy was not in violation of the Civil Service act and rules, in view of the well known facts in your case.

"The object of the rule requiring notice and a hearing was to prevent political removal- or removals upon secret charges. No issue of this kind is involved in your case.

Mr. Procter supplemented this with the following bearing upon the case:

"The commission has always held, as shown in its thirteenth report, January 1, 1897:

"The civil service act did not intend that incompetent persons should be retained in office. The authority of removal and its exercise for proper reasons are necessary for the discipline and the efficiency of the public service. The power of the removal is not effected by the law or the rules, further than that they provide that removals shall not be made for political purposes or religious reasons.

"The rule of the President, July 27, 1897, requiring that a person should only be removed for just cause and upon reasons in writing and after an opportunity for making answer, was for the purpose of preventing political or religious removals or removals upon secret charges, but was in no way intended to entail the power of removal for just cause. Under this rule the reasons for a removal are to be a matter of record, but it does not impair in the slightest degree the prompt exercise of the power of dicipline. In discussing this rule in the fourteenth report of the commission, December 31, 1897, it is stated that 'if the reasons are sufficient the officer will not hesitate to make the removal.' It cannot be asserted that Maclay's removal was for political or religious reasons or upon secret charges, as the reasons for the department's action are well known both to Maclay and to the public."

This is the Civil Service side of the case and as it holds that Secretary Long, as directed by the President, had the right to dismiss historian Maclay, as was done when he refused to resign, we suppose that closes the incident as far as he is concerned. But it was a belated removal all the same, without any sufficient cause being assigned which did not exist from the time Maclay's book was published containing the slanderous and malicious attack on Admiral Schley. There was no charge that he was "incompetent," no charge of any kind against him as far as the public knows, outside of those slanderous charges against Admiral Schley. If he was dismissed as a rebuke for those then the dismissal should have been made in the beginning and not at the end. He was retained in his position notwithstanding his gross offence, and would probably be there still if it had not been for the popular indignation this Schley business has aroused.

Mount Clair, Illinois, has a fire department composed entirely of women. The men all work in Chicago or have their business there and the women have to fight fires if any happens in the day time. A woman is chief of the brigade and the captains are all girls. They are accustomed to handling hose.

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INCREASE OF WEALTH.

The tax assessment for this year shows an increase of valuation of over $20,000,000. The following, in reference to the gains and losses, which we clip from the Raleigh *News and Observer*, will be interesting:

Official figures from 90 of the 97 counties received by State officials show an increase in property valuations of $20,131,078. This is the largest increase in the history of the government for years.

The valuations for the present year from counties heard from is $260,873,805 as compared with $240,747,727. The counties that have not yet reported are Catawba, Edgecombe, Harnett, Mitchell, Rockingham, Vance and Wilson.

Wake county is the wealthiest of all the counties in the State according to the new assessment, which places the valuation of property in the capital county at $11,794,806. Last year Mecklenburg led in wealth with a valuation of $50,000 in excess of that of Wake.

"Forsyth leads with increased assessments for the year, the amount being $1,853,736. Wake is next with an increase of $1,044,744. Guilford and New Hanover show nearly a million increase. The increase in Mecklenburg is $897,767. Wayne shows an increase of $700,000.

"Scotland shows up for the first time with an assessed valuation of $1,692,998, which places it far in advance of many counties.

"Durham county shows a decrease of nearly a quarter of a million. Among the other counties that fell behind last year's assessment were Cumberland, Jones, Swaine, Tyrrell, Watauga and Rockingham, which gave Scotland to the State."

BOOK NOTICES.

Although always interesting, the *Atlantic Monthly* for January is more than usually so, presenting a fine list of contents on live topics of interest. The discriminating reader will find much in this number to commend it. Published by Houghton, Mifflin & Co., No. 4 Park street, Boston.

The Review of Reviews, for January presents a list containing many valuable and interesting articles, on the Isthmian Canal, Electric Trains, Irrigation in the West, Good Roads, the Charleston Exposition and others which will be read with interest and profit. These and other articles are well illustrated. Address *The Review of Reviews*, No. 13 Astor Place, New York.

The January number of *Frank Leslie's Magazine* is a beautiful one, and as entertaining as it is beautiful. The list of contents is varied and interesting, and the illustrations numerous and handsome. It leads off with a very interesting paper, illustrated, on "Kentucky Feuds and Their Causes," which throws considerable light on the legend of "the dark and bloody ground." Address Frank Leslie Publishing House, 141-147 Fifth avenue, New York.

The Chinese Government wants to hire an American adviser at a salary of $15,000 a year. Here is a chance for some North Carolinia editor who would like to take a rest.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— It would have greatly amused or greatly worried such men as Ben. Franklin to know that a time would come in the history of this republic when a man's private income would be discussed as affecting his ability to meet the social obligations of a cabinet office.—*Washington Star, Rep.*

—— It is estimated that the sum of $150,000,000 in interest and dividends will be disbursed in New York in January, while at Boston it will be about $30,000,000 and at Philadelphia $25,000,000, making a grand total of $210,000,000. That will give an idea of the enormous increase in the wealth of this country. —*Richmond Times, Dem.*

—— Reciprocity is defined by the Protectionists in Congress is after the old and familiar method of the hunter in dividing the game with the Indian: "You take the turkey buzzard and I'll take the turkey, or I'll take the turkey and you take the turkey buzzard." Like the Indian, the foreign nations will be dealt with on that basss.—*Philadelphia Record Democrat.*

—— Even an incipient republic can be ungrateful to its heroes. Maximo Gomez gave the best years of his life to fighting for Cuba, and by his military genius maintained the struggle against Spain when it seemed well nigh hopeless. And now, with freedom secured and absolute independence in sight, the Cubans are hooting and stoning him. Ingratitude is a most reprehensible characteristic, but it seems to be rather common.—*Savannah News, Dem.*

A Fireman's Close Call.

"I stuck to my engine, although every joint ached and every nerve was racked with pain," writes C. W. Bellamy, a locomotive fireman, of Burlington, Iowa. "I was weak and pale, without any appetite and all run down. As I was about to give up, I got a bottle of Electric Bitters and, after taking it, I felt as well as I ever did in my life." Weak, sickly, run down people always gain new life, strength and vigor from their use. Try them. Satisfaction guaranteed by R. R. Bellamy. Price 50 cents. †

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Concord *Standard*: Robbers called on Mr. Ross McConnell Friday night and lifted about $18. They opened the blind and raised the window which could only be raised about 1½ inches. With a nail as a hook on a lath the robbers reached his pants on a chair inside and brought them to the window. They drew them through and took out the money then folded them up and laid them in a good dry place on the porch.

— Raleigh *News and Observer*: North Carolina is splendidly represented at the Charleston Exposition and it is the general comment that the State exhibit is one of the best at the show. —— Judge Purnell wisely decided that gold brick swindlers from Illinois and New York were as properly subjects for the penitentiary as if they had been born in this State. They had a fair trial and they must serve their sentence as any ordinary swindlers.

— Winston *Journal*: Last week North Carolina editors were notified that a young journalist from this vicinity had become a millionaire by a lucky strike in oil stocks. Now comes the announcement that Mr. H. M. Holleman, son of a minister at Apex, has become president of a Boston Automobile Company with several million dollars os capital stock. The little slip upon which the announcement is made tells that Mr. Holleman is also interested in ten other corporations and that he is likely to become a "Napoleon of finance."

—Concord *Standard*: Mr. Eustace A. Smith was fatally shot at Elon College on Christmas day, by John Brady, a negro. There was some drinking and rowdyism. Smith's father in law, Mr. Kernodle, and a negro had a difficulty that led to a fight. Smith tried to part them when the negro's pal, John Brady, shot Smith through the lung. He died Thursday. He is said to have been the only sober one of the crowd, and was a highly respected citizen. —— The public school house at Gold Hill was burned Monday night before Christmas. It was the purpose to hold Christmas exercises in it on Tuesday evening and boys preparing the room left live ashes and coals in a wooden bucket standing in the house. About 12 o'clock it burned down.

— Fayetteville *Observer*: Friday afternoon Officer Benton walked up to a well dressed negro man, who was standing in front of Thornton's store, and placing his hand on his shoulder said: "John Johnson, you are my prisoner." The negro never said a word, but quietly accompanied the officer to jail, where he now awaits the pleasure of the penitentiary authorities. Johnson recently escaped from the penitentiary and the police here had received a description of him. He was sent to the penitentiary for fifteen years from Ashville for the burglary of the residence of a man named Reddin, and at the time of his escape he had served five years of his sentence. When searched after his arrest a double-barrel revolver was found on his person of the exact pattern of the one used in the assassination of President McKinley.

TWINKLINGS.

— When a woman has to stand on her tiptoes to hook her daughter's collar she begins to lose heart.—*Chicago News.*

— The man who says "I done it" and did is several points ahead of the one who says "I did it,' but is still doing.—*Chicago Record Herald.*

— Not Easy: "My! I think your mother would be worried if she saw you!" "Well, it's pretty hard for a boy to get along without worrying his mother!"—*Puck.*

— Willie—Pa, why is truth spoken of as "naked?" Pa—I don't know, but that may explain why she's so seldom seen in public life.—*Philadelphia Press.*

— "What did Freddy say when you caught him coming out of the pantry with his hands stained red?" "He told me the truth by saying that he had jammed his fingers.—*Tit-Bits.*

— "How many women did you try to marry before you got me?" she howled in anger. "Twelve," he answered, sadly, "and I never thought to count them before, either."—*Baltimore World.*

— Wife—I am going down town this morning to try and match a piece of silk. Husband—Very well, my dear; I'll tell the cook to save some dinner for you, and I'll put the children to bed myself.—*Tit-Bits.*

— Hostess—Please don't leave off, Miss Jesson. Miss J.—But shan't I bore you? It is possible to have too much of a good thing you know. Hostess—Yes; but that doesn't apply to your playing.—*London Punch.*

—Mrs. Mahoole—"Shure, awn th' doctor is makin' a hog out av Pathrick." Mrs. O'Toole—"Awn how so, Mrs. Mahoole?" Mrs. Mahoole—"Phoy, he forbid him smokin' ixcipt after meals, awn now Pathrick ates tin meals a day."—*Chicago Daily News.*

— "'Do unto others as you would have others do unto you,"' said Markley. "That's the golden rule and I believe in it, too. Don't you?" "Well," replied Burroughs, "if I did I'd be offering to lend you $10 this minute."—*Philadelphia Press.*

— "What," Mr. Henpeck timidly asked, "would you do if you had a husband like Prince Henry?" "Well, for one thing," his wife replied, as she pushed him a little farther back in the corner. "I wouldn't call in any help from outside, unless it happened to be the doctor."—*Chicago Record Herald.*

— Hiram—That boy of yours what went to college could do some powerful lifting with clubs and dumb bells. Silas—Yes; but I always thought more of the other one's lifting powers. Hiram—Did he lift dumb bells and the like. Silas—No; he lifted the mortgage.—*Philadelphia Record.*

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The cloud dropped softly to the lake
 Amid a sound of whirring wings
And spread into a graceful line
 A host of living things.

We hailed this burst of joyous life;
 The sunless day seemed dark no more,
When suddenly a shot rang out
 And echoed round the shore.

The waterfowl were nature's guests,
 But they were doomed, and all that day
The shots pealed forth, and on the waves
 The dead and dying lay.

At last into the brooding mist
 There vanished, softly as it came,
A broken flock, with plumage torn,
 After that day of shame.

—Mary Thacher Higginson in Youth's Companion.

UNINHABITED ISLANDS.

There Are Thousands of Them In the Indian Ocean.

If you should want an island—that is, an uninhabited island—for the purpose of occupying it alone, Robinson Crusoe like, or to use it for romantic fiction or for any other purpose, to the exclusion of all others in the world, you need have no trouble in finding one if you see fit to make a journey to the Indian ocean. In the waters between Madagascar and India you can find more than 15,000 of them, where there is not a human being and where you can, if you will, be monarch of all you survey.

An English traveler has recently been among the small islands that dot the western end of the Indian ocean to make an inventory of them and reports that he counted 16,100 and found only about 600 of them inhabited. Now, there is a good chance for any one who may want an island.

These particular islands are not large, as islands go, but very many of them are sufficient for the purpose of a Robinson Crusoe or any other novel hero or for even a small colony of shipwrecked mariners or other persons who might be cast on one of them or seek for the purpose of making a home pretty much out of the busy world.

Some of them are only an acre or two, well elevated above the tide, while others are a quarter of a mile in diameter and running from that up to a mile or two in length and a quarter or less of the length in breadth. Many of them are granitic structures that rise steeply from 20 to 100 feet, well covered with rich soil, through which small fresh water streams hurry to the sea, which they reach after flowing over beaches of glistening calcareous sand that are begirt by coral reefs, which form walls about the islands.

Pingree and Mosby.

When Hazen S. Pingree was coming into prominence in Michigan politics, he was in Washington one night and strolled through the corridors of Willard's hotel, which he had not visited since war times, when it was the popular rendezvous of the city, political, military and otherwise. A friend introduced him to Colonel Mosby, the old guerrilla chieftain.

"Why, hello, colonel," said Pingree in his bluff, offhanded way, just as if he was in the habit of meeting Mosby every day. "I have not seen you for 25 years, but I remember very well the last occasion when we met."

"Ah," said the Virginian politely, "what incident recalls it to your mind? I really fail to remember you, much to my regret."

"Oh, well," said Pingree, "you would not be so apt as I to remember the day. I was captured by your men, and, happening to be wearing a very good, nearly new uniform, you confiscated it on the spot and gave me your old ragged butternuts. But that's all right. All's fair in love and war, I know. Let's have a cigar."

Without a word of protest Mosby accepted, and a long friendly chat followed.

She Was the Ghost.

"A certain lady and her family," says Sir Mountstuart Grant-Duff in his "Diary," "hired a place in Scotland which was haunted by the ghost of a woman who was to be seen constantly at night wandering through the rooms and passages. When the family arrived, the lady was much struck with the place and said, 'I must have been here before, for I know this place so well, only there ought to be two rooms here, and there is only one.'

"The agent replied that within a few weeks the owner had caused a partition to be taken down and made the two rooms into one. Still the lady was puzzled at her knowledge of the place, till she remembered that it was a house she used to go to in her dreams.

"Well, some time passed, and the agent was up at the house again, when the lady complained that one part of the contract had not been fulfilled. They had hired a house and a ghost for the summer, and no ghost had she seen. The agent replied: 'Of course not, because you are the ghost. We recognized you the moment we saw you.'"

Short and Sweet.

Perhaps one of the shortest courtships was that of an eminent jurist. He was on his way to hold court in a town when he met a young woman returning from market.

"How deep is the creek and what did you get for your butter?" asked the judge.

"Up to the knee and ninepence," was the answer as the girl walked on.

The judge pondered over the sensible brevity of the reply, turned his horse, rode back and overtook her.

"I liked your answer just now," he said, "and I like you. I think you would make a good wife. Will you marry me?"

She looked him over and said, "Yes."

"Then get up behind me, and we will ride to town and be married."

She did get up behind, and they rode to the courthouse and were made one. It is recorded that, brief though the courtship had been, the marriage proved a pre-eminently happy one.

A Remarkable Suicide.

One of the most remarkable cases of suicide was that of the king of Falaba, on the west coast of Africa.

The king was attacked by a Mohammedan force, and, finding resistance impossible, he assembled his family and principal officers, and after addressing them and intimating his determination never to accept Mohammedanism and inviting those who did not agree with him to go away he applied a light to a large quantity of gunpowder collected for the purpose and blew into atoms the palace and all who were in it.

Art and Economy.

Edmonia—Edgar, I'm going to burn these new photographs of mine. They look ten years older than I do.

Edgar—Nonsense! Put them away until you can catch up with them.—Indianapolis Journal.

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How He Saved His Dinner.

In the little town of Arundel there is a taxidermist who is gifted with wonderful presence of mind. Here is an instance:

Some time ago a gentleman called at his shop with a cock pheasant, which he desired to have skinned, stating at the same time that he did not require the body. This quite suited the taxidermist, who thought the pheasant would do for his dinner on the morrow.

However, later in the day the gentleman called again and said that he would take the body away. The taxidermist replied that it was unusual for customers to take the bodies away, but that he had no objection, and he fetched the bird, which his wife had put on a plate and covered with flour.

"Ah!" exclaimed the gentleman. "It looks very nice. But what is this white powder with which it is covered?"

"Oh, that," replied the taxidermist quietly, "is arsenic. I always cover the bodies with that until I can dispose of them."

"Ar-arsenic!" stammered the gentleman. "Why, I thought that the bird would be good to eat. Thank you, I won't trouble to take it away with me. Good day."

The taxidermist had saved his dinner.—London Answers.

Rude Justice.

A certain Arizona justice of the peace, whose knowledge of the law was never gained from books or actual practice before the bar, was hearing an assault and battery case. The lawyer for the defense was shouting his arguments when the court said:

"That will do. Sit down."

He then adjusted his spectacles and sagely observed:

"Prisoner, sthand up! Accordin tah th' law an th' evydince—an there is no evydince—Oi found yez guilty, sor, an foine yez $50. If yez air guilty, faith, it's a very light sintince, an if yez are not guilty it'll be a mighty good lesson for yez!"—Detroit Free Press.

The Prudent Scotsman.

A cautious Scotsman, 85 years old, had saved enough to purchase a piece of freehold land upon which he had had his eye for some time. He repaired to the freeholder and opened negotiations for the purchase. The freeholder, however, informed him that for some reason or other he could not part with the freehold, but said he would give him a lease for 999 years. This, he was informed, was practically the same thing. "Na, na," said the aged one, shaking his gray head; "time soon rins awa'."—London Outlook.

The Diplomat's Solution.

"And if an irresistible force meets an immovable body?" suggested his friend.

"The situation, indeed, would be critical," admitted the eminent diplomat; "but, with mutual restraint and reasonable concessions, I see no reason to despair of an amicable settlement."—Puck.

WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT.

☞ The following quotations represent Wholesale Prices generally. In making up small orders higher prices have to be charged.

The quotations are always given as accurately as possible, but the STAR will not be responsible for any variations from the actual market price of the articles quoted.

BAGGING—			
2 lb Jute		@	6¾
Standard		@	7½
Burlaps	6	@	6¾
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℔ lb	12½	@	14
Sides ℔ lb	9	@	10
Shoulders ℔ lb	9	@	9½
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔ lb	9	@	9¼
Shoulders ℔ lb		@	8¾
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each	1 35	@	1 35
Second-hand machine	1 35	@	1 35
New New York, each		@	1 35
New City, each		@	1 35
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M	6 50	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℔ lb	15	@	18
Northern	22	@	28
CORN MEAL—			
Per bushel, in sacks	75	@	76
Virginia Meal	75	@	76
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle	1 25	@	1 30
CANDLES—℔ lb—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	8	@	11
COFFEE—℔ lb—			
Laguyra	11	@	12½
Rio	7½	@	11
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@	5¾
Yarns, ℔ bunch of 5 lbs		@	0
FISH—			
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ half-bbl.	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ℔ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No. 2 ℔ half-bbl.	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No. 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	3 50	@	4 00
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel		@	7 00
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ lb	6	@	10
" Extra	4 00	@	5 00
FLOUR—℔ lb—			
Low grade	3 00	@	3 25
Choice	3 50	@	3 75
Straight	4 00	@	4 25
First Patent	4 50	@	4 75
GLUE—℔ lb	8	@	10
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bgs—White	78	@	85
Mixed Corn	76	@	84
Oats, from store (mixed)		@	55
Oats, Rust Proof	75	@	80
Cow Peas	85	@	90
HIDES—℔ lb—			
Green salted	4	@	5
Dry flint	10	@	11
Dry salt	9	@	10
HAY ℔ 100 lbs			
No 1 Timothy	1 00	@	1 05
Rice Straw		@	50
Eastern		@	1 00
Western	90	@	95
North River		@	1 00
N. C. Crop	75	@	80
HOOP IRON, ℔ lb		@	3
CHEESE—℔ lb—			
Northern Factory	12½	@	14
Dairy Cream	12	@	13½
Half cream	10	@	12½
LARD, ℔ lb—			
Northern	9¾	@	12½
North Carolina	10	@	12½
LIME, ℔ barrel	1 10	@	1 25
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
City Mess		@	18 50
Rump		@	18 50
Prime		@	18 00
ROPE, ℔ lb	11	@	22
SALT, ℔ sack, Alum		@	1 25
Liverpool		@	90
American		@	90
On 125 ℔ Sacks	50	@	60
SUGAR, ℔ lb—Standard Gran'd	5¾	@	5½
Standard A	5	@	5¾
White Extra C	4½	@	5
Extra C, Golden	4½	@	4½
C Yellow	4	@	4½
LUMBER (city sawed) ℔ M ft—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	20 00
Rough edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board, com'n	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES ℔ gallon—			
Barbadoes, in hogshead		@	32
Barbadoes, in barrels		@	28
Porto Rico, in hogsheads	29	@	31
Porto Rico, in barrels	29	@	33
Sugar House, in hogsheads	12	@	14
Sugar House, in barrels	14	@	15
Syrup, in barrels	17	@	27
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut, 60d basis	2 40	@	2 50
SOAP, ℔ lb—Northern	3¾	@	4
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	6 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping	8 00	@	9 00
Common mill	4 00	@	5 00
Fair mill	5 00	@	6 50
Prime mill	6 50	@	7 50
Extra mill	8 00	@	8 50
SHINGLES, N.C. Cypress sawed			
℔ M 6x24 heart	6 25	@	7 00
" Sap	5 50	@	6 00
5x20 Heart	3 50	@	4 00
" Sap	2 50	@	3 00
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon, Northern	[illegible]	@	2 10

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

W. & W. Railroad—302 bales cotton, 1 barrel tar, 2 barrels crude turpentine.

W. C. & A. Railroad—2,223 bales cotton, 3 casks spirits turpentine, 30 barrels rosin, 70 barrels tar, 2 barrels crude turpentine.

C. C. Railroad—75 bales cotton, 4 barrels tar.

A. & Y. Railroad—69 bales cotton.

W. & N. Railroad—6 bales cotton, 20 casks spirits turpentine.

Steamer Oneida—25 bales cotton.

Steamer Highlander—2 bales cotton, 8 casks spirits turpentine, 41 barrels rosin, 77 barrels tar.

Total—2,699 bales cotton, 21 casks spirits turpentine, 71 barrels rosin, 152 barrels tar, 4 barrels crude turpentine.

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

[Quoted officially at the closing by the Produce Exchange.]

STAR OFFICE, December 30.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

ROSIN—Market steady at $1 00 per barrel for strained and $1 05 per barrel for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.20 per barrel of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market steady at $1.10 per barrel for hard, $2.00 for dip, and —— for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—spirits turpentine nothing doing; rosin firm at $1.20@1.25; tar steady at $1.30; crude turpentine dull at $1.30@2.30.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	31
Rosin	71
Tar	152
Crude turpentine	4

Receipts same day last year—48 casks spirits turpentine, 780 barrels rosin, 267 barrels tar, 90 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 7⅞c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	5 7-16	cts. ℔ lb
Good ordinary	6 13-16	" "
Low middling	7 7-16	" "
Middling	7⅞	" "
Good middling	8 1-16	" "

Same day last year, market quiet at 9¼c for middling.

Receipts—2,699 bales; same day last year, 124.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 65c; extra prime, 70c; fancy, 75c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 55c; extra prime, 60c; fancy, 65c. Spanish, 70@75c.

CORN—Firm; 80@82½c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 15@16c per pound; shoulders, 13@14c; sides, 13@14c.

EGGS—Firm at 20@22c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull. Grown, 20@22c; springs, 10@20c.

TURKEYS—Dressed, firm at 12@12½c; live, 9@10c.

BEESWAX—Firm at 26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 50@60c per bushel.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Money on call was firm at 6@12 per cent., the market closing with 6 per cent. offered. Prime mercantile paper 5@5½ per cent. Sterling exchange firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at 486¾ for demand and at 483⅜@483½ for sixty days. Posted rates 484½ and 487½. Commercial bills 483@483½. Bar silver quoted 55⅛. Mexican dollars 43⅝. Government bonds weak. State bonds inactive. Railroad bonds irregular. U. S. refunding 2's, registered, 108½; U. S. refunding 2's, coupon, 109½; U. S. 3's, reg'd 108½; do. coupon, 108½; U. S. 4's, new reg'd, 139½; do. coupon 139½; U. S. 4's, old reg'd, 111⅞; do. coupon, 112¾; U. S. 5's, do. reg'd, 107½; coupon, 107½; Southern Railway 5's 124½. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 105¼; Chesapeake & Ohio 47½; Manhattan L 136⅜; N. Y. Central 166½; Reading 57; do. 1st pref'd 82¾; do. 2nd pref'd 63¼; St. Paul 164⅜; do. pref'd, 189; Southern R'way 33¼; do. pref'd 93¼; Amalgamated Copper 68⅜; Am'n Tobacco —; People's Gas 103⅜; Sugar 116⅛; Tennessee Coal and Iron 64¼; U. S. Leather 11⅞; do. pref'd, 81¼; Western Union 92⅜; U. S. Steel 42⅜; do. preferred 93¼; Mexican National 14⅜; American Locomotive —; do. preferred —; Standard Oil 695@700; Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co., 62¼; do. preferred, 124 last sale.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 30.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 26⅛@26¼; do. preferred, 49⅞@50½; do 4s 85¼@85½.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Rosin steady. Strained common to good $1 55. Spirits turpentine barely steady at 39@39½c.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 30.—Spirits turpentine and rosin unchanged.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 30.—Spirits turpentine firm at 36¼c; receipts 430 casks; sales 2,532 barrels; exports 422 casks. Rosin firm; receipts 2,934 barrels; sales 2,277 barrels; exports 1,289 barrels. Quote: A, B, C, D, $1 10; E, $1 05; F, $1 10; G, $1 15; H, $1 40; I, $1 70; K, $2 25; M, $2 65; N, $3 85; W G, $3 60; W W, $3 85.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The cotton market opened easy at a decline of two and four points and was weak throughout the forenoon under active selling for both accounts, led by liquidation of January holdings. The chief factors of depression were weak cables and tremendous receipts, the latter overtopping the estimate of the bear contingent. Europe and the South contributed selling orders to the local market and commision houses sold as a matter of precaution before the holidays. Before midday March had dropped to 8.10 and May to 8.18. The estimate for to-morrow's New Orleans and Houston receipts were formidable bearish influences, considering the fact that the wet weather South had made the roads well nigh impassable. At the lowest prices prominent local houses bought heavily, said for the purpose of covering shorts, put out well below eight cents. There was little or no change for the better in the afternoon, the market continuing in a nervous, unsatisfactory state, and liquidation by insiders and outsiders showing little respite. An easier feeling in Southern spot markets with light New Orleans selling orders through room brokers here served to depress the market in the last hour. Speculation was not so active and for the most part comprised pre-holiday evening up operations, Prices were down to the bottom figures of the day and sentiment favored still further declines in the belief that Liverpool will be lower to-morrow and Port receipts will again be larger than last year. The close was barely steady and net seven to twelve points lower.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Cotton quiet at 8 7-16c; net receipts 1,048 bales; gross 11,309 bales; stock 120,668 bales.

Spot cotton closed quiet and 1-16c lower; middling uplands 8 7-16c; middling gulf 8 11-16c; sales 2,620 bales.

Cotton futures closed barely steady: December 7.99, January 7 99, February 8.04, March 8.09, April 8.12, May 8.17, June 8.18, July 8.20, August 8.07, September 7.75.

Total to-day—Net receipts 58,880 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,685 bales; exports to France 1,781 bales; exports to the Continent 12,926 bales; stock 1,003,769 bales.

Consolidated—Net receipts 118,003 bales; exports to Great Britain 34,690 bales; exports to France 13,935 bales; exports to the Continent 39,431 bales.

Total since September 1st.—Net receipts 4,685,944 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,739,913 bales; exports to France 418,336 bales; exports to the Continent 1,303,278 bales.

December 30.—Galveston, quiet at 8c, net receipts 17,302 bales; Norfolk, nominal at 8 1-16c, net receipts 2,972 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 8¼c, net receipts — bales; Boston, quiet at 8⅜c, net receipts 735 bales; Wilmington, firm at 7⅞c, net receipts 2,699 bales; Philadelphia quiet at 8 11-16c, net receipts 93 bales; Savannah, quiet at 7⅝c, net receipts 7,843 bales; New Orleans, quiet at 8c, net receipts 12,635 bales; Mobile, nominal at 7⅞c, net receipts 393 bales; Memphis, quiet at 8c, net receipts 2,424 bales; Augusta, steady at 8 1 16, net receipts 1,911 bales; Charleston, steady at 7⅞c, net receipts 4,881 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Flour market was firmer at the close with wheat, but not quotably higher; Minnesota patents $3 80@4 15. Wheat—Spot firm: No. 2 red 88⅜c. Options for a time were affected by bearish, weakly foreign statistics, lower cables and general selling, but in the afternoon the market sharply recovered. The rally was attended by a scare of shorts, export rumores and larger clearances. Closed firm at ⅜c net advance, Sales included: March closed 88c; May closed 87⅛c; July closed 86⅜c; December closed 85⅝c. Corn—Spot firm: No. 2, 70⅜c. Options market sold off at first under weak cables, big world's shipments and liquidation, to recover eventually with wheat and a strong demand from shorts. Closed firm and ⅜c net higher. Sales—May closed 70⅛c; December closed 70½c. Oats—Spot firmer; No. 2, 52c. Options were quiet and finally stronger. Tallow firm. Lard firm; Western steamed $10 40; refined lard was firm; continent $10 50@$11 00; compound 8@8¼c. Rice quiet. Butter—Market was steady; creamery 16@25c; State dairy 15@23c. Eggs firmer; State and Pennsylvania 30c; Southern at mark 22@28c. Potatoes steady; Maine $2 30@2 75; New York $2 00@2 50; Long Island $2 50@2 52½; Jersey sweets $2 25@3 00. Cabbage steady; Long Island Flat Dutch, per 100, $3 00@4 00. Peanuts steady; fancy hand-picked 4@4¼c; other domestic 2¼@4c. Freights to Liverpool—Cotton by steam 12½c. Cheese quiet; late made best large 9½c; late made best small 10@10½c. Coffee—Spot Rio steady; No. 7 invoice 7 1-16c; mild quiet; Cordova 7½@11c. Sugar—Raw steady; fair refining 3½c; centrifugal 96 test, 3⅝c; refined steady. Pork firm; short clear $18 00@20 00. Cotton seed oil dull but firmly held at a shade advance on off yellow. Quoted: Prime crude in barrels nominal; prime summer yellow 41c; off summer yellow 40c; prime white 44½@45c; prime winter yellow 45; prime meal $27 00.

Norfolk Peanut Market.

NORFOLK, Va., December 30.—Peanut market dull; fancy 2¾c; strictly prime 2½c; prime 2⅛c; Spanish —c; machine-picked —c. New peanuts, fancy 3c; strictly prime 2¾@2⅞c; prime 2⅜@2½c; Spanish 72½@75c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Covering by shorts to even up an oversold market, which had been brought on by weakness following on early bearish conditions to-day, influenced a sharp recovery in all grains to-day. May wheat closed ⅛c up, May corn ⅛@⅛c higher, and May oats ⅛c advanced. Provisions closed 10 to 22½c higher.

CHICAGO, Dec 30.—Cash quotations: Flour—Market steady. Wheat—No 2 spring —c; No. 3 spring 66⅜@67½c; No. 2 red 84¼@86½c. Corn—No. 2 —; No. 2 yellow —c. Oats—No. 2 45½@46¼c; No. 2 white 47@47½c; No. 3 white 46@47¼c. Mess pork, per barrel, $16 00@16 10. Lard, per 100 lbs, $10 12½@10 15. Short rib sides, loose, quoted at $8 60@8 70. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, $7 37½@7 50. Short clear sides boxed, $9 00@9 10. Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 32.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 December 77¼, 77⅞, 78¼@78⅜, 77, 78⅛c; May 80⅜@81⅛, 82¼, 80⅜@80¼, 82⅛c; July 80⅜@80⅞, 81⅞@82, 80⅜, 81⅞c. Corn—No. 2 December 62⅞, 63¼, 62¼, 63⅝; May 65⅛@66, 66¾, 65⅛, 66⅛c; July 65⅛@65¼, 66¼, 65@65½, 66¼c. Oats—December 44¼, 44⅞, 44¼, 44⅞c; May 44⅞@45, 45¾, 45⅛, 45⅛c; July 38⅞, 39⅞, 38⅞, 39⅞c. Mess pork, per bbl—January $16 87½, 16 87½, 16 85, 16 97½; May $17 40, 17 47½, 17 12½, 17 15. Lard, per 100 lbs—January $10 12½, 10 17½, 10 12½, 10 15; May $10 10, 10 20, 10 10, 10 20. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—January $8 60, 8 65, 8 58¼, 8 65; May $8 87½, 8 92½, 8 87½, 8 92½.

FOREIGN MARKET.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 30, 4:30 P. M.—Cotton: Spot, fair demand; prices steady; American middling 4 19-32d. The sales of the day were 12,000 bales, of which 1,000 bales were for speculation and export and included 11,400 bales American. Receipts 25,000 bales, including 24,200 bales American.

Futures opened steady and closed quiet; American middling (g. o. c.) December 4 31-64@4 32-64d seller; December and January 4 30-64@4 31-64d seller; January and February 4 30-64d seller; February and March 4 30-64d seller; March and April 4 30-64d seller; April and May 4 30-64d value; May and June 4 30-64@4 31-64d seller; June and July 4 30-64@4 31-64d seller; July and August 4 30-64@4 31-64d seller; August and September 4 26-64@4 27-64d seller.

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Clyde steamship Oneida, Hale, Georgetown, S C, H G Smallbones.

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Clyde steamship Oneida, Hale, New York, H G Smallbones.

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List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., December 31, 1901.

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Raberstein, (Gr) 962 tons, Boer, Heide & Co.

Gymeric, (Br) 2,598 tons, Thomson, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

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Jno W Dana, 478 tons, Fassett, George Harriss, Son & Co.

Lottie R Russell, 263 tons, Sharp, George Harriss, Son & Co.

Wm P Hood, 632 tons, Philpott, George Harriss, Son & Co.

M C Haskell, 299 tons, Wingfield, George Harriss, Son & Co.

Addie P McFadden, 199 tons, Stewart, George Harriss, Son & Co.

Mabel Darling, (Br) 112 tons, Roberts, J A Springer & Co.

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Dexterity and Daring of the Cowboy in Cutting Off the Head of the Reptile After Its Ineffectual Attempt to Strike.

"Did you ever see a cow puncher kill a rattlesnake with a knife?" said a Colorado citizen now in town. "When I first went west, I punched cattle on the Sunset ranch, one of the largest in southern Colorado. I was a tenderfoot, fresh from the east, but no swell head about me. That saved me a lot of trouble. The boys were dead willing to put me next, even to a 14-year-old broncho never halter broken. Among other things, I learned how to kill a rattler with a bowie knife. I killed one with a knife to make my standing good, but after that a gun or a pitchfork was good enough for me.

"I have seen a plainsman ride up to a small sized rattler, jump off his horse, kick at the waving head, avoid the strike and as the reptile came down place a heel upon its neck, coolly take a knife from his belt and dispatch it. I have also seen a live rattler thrown up on a haystack machine, and I have seen the men working on that stack jump, roll, tumble and slide to get away. They could not see the rattler; that was all. In the open they would have played with it.

"A rattlesnake is harmless out of coil. For that reason it wastes no time in getting back into coil after the spring. It will not strike unless it is perfectly sure it can reach its object. Therefore the cowboy must get into reach of the snake's spring. It can spring half its own length, and sometimes more. Of course the larger the snake the more coils, and the more coils the more vicious the strike.

"Dick Haynes was a young daredevil who would go out of his way to play with a rattler. I have seen him kill at least a dozen with a knife, and I saw him when he got such a close call that he dropped the game and used a gun forever after.

"We were out together one Sunday. It was warm, and as we rode he fanned his face with his sombrero. Suddenly he clapped his hat on his head and started his broncho on a lope. 'Watch me get that pison,' he shouted.

"Fifty yards to our right was a rattler. It was trying to get away, but we headed it in an instant and were off our horses. It immediately coiled, and then I saw the biggest snake I have ever seen. It was a diamond rattler and about 20 years old. It had the ugliest head I ever saw, enormous in size, and with a mouth that reminded me of a bulldog's jaw. Dick stopped just long enough to size up its length so as to get an idea of its spring, and then went in on it.

"The strike came like a flash of lightning. The snake struck the ground with a sound like the cracking of a four horse whiplash in the hands of an expert. Dick just saved himself by throwing his body back full length. The snake coiled again before Dick could get to it. I got nervous and called to him to shoot it.

"'That's the first one that ever struck at me and got back,' he said, 'and I'm going to have that pretty head.'

"The rattler was beside itself with rage. It lay, coil upon coil of smooth, glistening length, showing the long reach and powerful spring in reserve. Out of the coils two feet more of body and neck rose straight in the air, and above all that black, venomous head, with glowing eyes and forked tongue, waved, slightly, warily, to and fro.

"Dick stepped in again, more cautiously. He reached the knife nearer and yet nearer to that swaying head. I knew he was getting too close, but I feared to speak to him. Then came the strike, with that marvelous dart of speed. Dick's knife flashed and the snake lay squirming, a headless thing, upon the ground.

"'Let's get to camp,' said Dick. 'It got me in the thumb.'

"We jumped for the saddles and started on a mad run for home. Dick rode with his thumb on the saddle horn and his knife in his other hand.

"'If she begins to swell, off she comes,' said he.

"We reached the ranch, and while Dick poured down whisky we examined the thumb. We could find nothing, not the slightest wound. The snake had struck the handle of his knife, and the strength and suddenness of the impact made Dick lose his nerve. It was a good thing for him. He never went after a rattler again without a long '44.'"—New York Sun.

France and the Potato.

There was much difficulty in introducing the potato into France. It was only toward the end of the reign of Louis XIV that it began to be used. The learned had opposed its introduction systematically, saying it produced leprosy, and the common people refused to test it even on their live stock.

A trick at last established it. Fields were planted all over France with potatoes and carefully guarded until the tubers were ripe, it being given out that these fields were growing a new thing specially for the king and that trespassers would be prosecuted. Now, the laws at that time were severe. A man might be hanged when he hunted in the wild forest, for the game was the seigneur's, almost each one of whom kept his private gallows. Trespass against the king implied, therefore, terrible punishment.

The danger of the punishment proved itself an alluring bait. As the contriver, wise in foresight, had seen, the fields that were purposely left unguarded were pillaged right and left, the potatoes eaten, some kept and planted and the tuber at last effectually introduced in France.

Irving's Intensity.

The piercing eyes and intense expression of Henry Irving once had the effect of making a fellow actor altogether forget that he was on the stage at all. It occurred in Manchester during a performance of "Macbeth," and in the scene where Macbeth says to one of the murderers, "There's blood upon thy face!" Irving put so much earnestness into his words that the murderer forgot his proper answer ("'Tis Banquo's, then") and replied in a startled voice: "Is there? Great Scott!" He fancied, as he afterward said, that he had broken a blood vessel.—Ledger Monthly.

Unknown to the Lawyers.

Judge ——, one of the great lawyers of the last generation, charged a client a retainer of $1,000 in an important case, but the parties got together next morning and settled the suit before the judge had opened a book or written a line concerning it. His client called to see if he would not refund part of the money. The lawyer seemed surprised at the suggestion. "Refund!" he exclaimed. "Refund, did you say? My friend, that is a kind of fund unknown to the legal profession!"—New York Press.

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"I know nothing about cigars," said Rosecrans, "but I am told that these are very fine."

His friend lighted a cigar, and a look of pain and horror instantly overspread his face. He tried to conceal his feelings and puffed manfully at the cigar for several seconds. Then Rosecrans, noticing that he was growing pale, asked what was the trouble.

"General," said the visitor, "I don't want to be ungrateful, but I'm afraid it's this cigar."

"Impossible!" exclaimed Rosecrans. "Why, when I bought them I was told that they were the finest cigars on the market."

"Well, general, you were deceived. The cigar tastes and smells exactly as if it were made of camphor."

"Camphor!" stammered Rosecrans, looking chapfallen. "Why, I never thought, but perhaps camphor does injure a cigar." And, reaching into the drawer, he brought to view several garments filled with camphor balls. "Do you suppose that can be the trouble?" he inquired.

Night Was Her Terror.

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To Jacob Resnick: You are hereby commanded to personally appear before the District Court of the United States, as a Court of Bankruptcy at Wilmington, N. C., on or before the first day of January, 1902, and plead, answer or demur to the creditors' petition filed in the above entitled matter, or judgment will be entered against you, according to the prayer of said petition.

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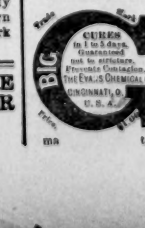

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P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	4 40	Goldsboro	11 06	.....
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5 40	5 50	Newbern	8 37	9 00
7 02	7 07	Morehead City	7 30	7 40
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DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NO.

DAILY 9.30 A. M. — No. 43—Passenger—Due Hamlet 4.30 A. M., Warsaw 11.31 A. M., Goldsboro 12.35 P. M., Wilson 1.13 P. M., Battleboro 1.53 P. M., Tarboro 2.21 P. M., Weldon 4.01 P. M., Petersburg 4.40 P. M., Richmond 7.45 P. M., Norfolk 8.45 P. M., Washington 11.40 P. M., Baltimore 1.39 A. M., Philadelphia 4.03 A. M., New York 7.10 A. M., *Boston 3.05 P. M.

DAILY 7.00 P. M. — No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.39 P. M., Warsaw 8.40 P. M., Goldsboro 9.37 P. M., Wilson 10.30 P. M., *Tarboro 9.34 A. M., Rocky Mount 11.31 P. M., Weldon 1.37 A. M., *Norfolk 1.00 P. M., Petersburg 3.1 A. M., Richmond 5.57 A. M., Washington 7.39 A. M., Baltimore 9.03 A. M., Philadelphia 11.13 A. M., New York 1.43 P. M., Boston 9.00 P. M.

DAILY except Sunday 4.15 P. M. — No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4.15 P. M., Newbern 1.40 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY except Sunday 6.00 A. M. — No. 51—Due Lake Waccamaw 7.10 A. M., Chadbourn, 7.41 A. M., Marion 8.45 A. M., Florence 9.35 A. M., Lanes 11.26 A. M., Charleston 1.10 P. M.

DAILY 2.45 P. M. — No. 53—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.53 P. M., Chadbourn 5.30 P. M., Marion 6.40 P. M., Florence 7.25 P. M., Sumter 9.18 P. M., Columbia 10.40 P. M., Denmark 6.14 A. M., Augusta 6.10 A. M., Macon 1.15 A. M., Atlanta 12.35 P. M., Charleston 11.15 P. M., Savannah 8.00 A. M., Jacksonville 8.30 A. M., St. Augustine 10.00 A. M., Tampa 10.00 P. M.

WEST BOUND.

DAILY 9.10 A. M. — No. 52—Passenger—Due Fayetteville 12.00 P. M., leaves Fayetteville 12.40 P. M., arrives Sanford 1.25 P. M.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 6.00 P. M. — No. 42—Passenger—Leave Boston *1.30 P. M., New York *9.30 P. M., Philadelphia 12.20 A. M., Baltimore 2.35 A. M., Washington 4.40 A. M., Richmond 9.00 A. M., Petersburg 9.40 A. M., Norfolk 1.00 A. M., Weldon 11.50 A. M., Tarboro 12.12 P. M., Rocky Mount 12.32 P. M., Wilson 2.40 P. M., Goldsboro 3.18 P. M., Warsaw 4.10 P. M., Magnolia 4.36 P. M.

DAILY 10 10 A M — No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 10 night, New York 9.35 A. M., Philadelphia 12.03 P. M., Baltimore 2.18 P. M., Washington 5.40 P. M., Richmond 7.32 P. M., Petersburg 7.09 P. M., *Norfolk 4.00 P. M., Weldon 9.40 P. M., *Tarboro 7.22 P. M., Rocky Mount 8.45 A. M. Leave Wilson 9.06 A. M., Goldsboro 7.31 A. M., Warsaw 8.01 A. M., Magnolia 8.37 A. M.

DAILY except Sunday 9.00 A. M. — No. 55—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9.00 A. M., Jacksonville 12.30 A. M.

Sunday 12.15 P. M — FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY except Sunday 5.00 P. M. — No. 55—Leave Charleston 4.30 P. M., Lanes 6.06 P. M., Florence 8.15 P. M., Marion 8.54 P. M., Chadbourn 9.53 P. M., Tarboro 11.30 P. M. — Sunday 12.15 P. M. — Lake Waccamaw 10.21 P. M.

DAILY 3.40 P. M. — No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 9.40 A. M., Sanford 6.10 P. M., Jacksonville 8.30 P. M., Savannah 1.50 A. M., Charleston 6.45 A. M., Atlanta 7.50 A. M., Macon 9.06 A. M., Augusta 6.05 P. M., Denmark 4.25 P. M., Columbia 8.03 A. M., Sumter 8.59 P. M., Florence 10.10 A. M., Marion 10.53 A. M., Chadbourn 11.55 A. M., Lake Waccamaw 12.50 A. M.

EAST BOUND.

DAILY 7.15 P. M. — No. 39—Passenger—Leave Sanford 3.25 P. M., arrive Fayetteville 4.30 P. M., leave Fayetteville 4.50 P. M.

Bennettsville Branch—Train leaves Bennettsville 7.10 A. M., Marion 9.05 A. M., Red Springs 9.35 A. M., Parkton 10.05 A. M., arrive Fayetteville 11.10 A. M. Returning leaves Fayetteville 4.40 P. M., Hope Mills 5.06 P. M., Red Springs 5.43 P. M., Maxton 6.15 P. M., arrives Bennettsville 7.15 P. M.

Connections at Fayetteville with No. 78, at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railroad, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Bowmore Railroad, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line and Southern Railway, at Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad.

Train between Rocky Mount and Richmond leaves Rocky Mount 7.15 A. M., arrive Weldon 9.17 A. M., arrive Petersburg 10.18 A. M., arrive Richmond 11.10 A. M.

Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 4.15 P. M., Halifax 5.20 P. M., arrive Scotland Neck 6.10 P. M., Greenville 5.47 P. M., Kinston 6.45 P. M. Returning, leaves Kinston 7.30 A. M., Greenville 8.30 A. M.; arriving Halifax at 11.05 A. M., Weldon 11.30 A. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.00 A. M. and 3.45 P. M.; arrive Parmele 8.55 A. M. and 4.10 P. M.; returning leaves Parmele 11.10 A. M. and 5.02 P. M.; arrive Washington 12.30 A. M and 6.15 P. M. Daily except Sunday

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 4.30 P. M.; Sunday, 4.05 P. M.; arrives Pitt mouth 6.35 P. M. and 6.20 P. M. Returning leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7.30 A. M. and Sunday 9.00 A. M.; arrive Tarboro 9.55 A. M. and 11.50 A. M.

Trains leave Goldsboro daily except Sunday 8.00 A. M., arriving Smithfield 8.30 A. M. Returning leaves Smithfield 7.00 A. M., arrives at Goldsboro 8.30 A. M.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 9.30 A. M., 4.50 P. M.; arrives Nashville 10.30 A. M., 4.23 P. M. Spring Hope 11.06 A. M., 4.45 P. M. Returning, leaves Spring Hope 11.30 A. M., 5.18 P. M. Nashville 11.45 A. M., 5.40 P. M. arrives at Rocky Mount 12.12 A. M., 6.20 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leaves Warsaw for Clinton, daily, except Sunday, 11.40 A. M. and 4.15 P. M. Returning, leaves Clinton 5.45 A. M. and 2.50 P. M.

Train leaves Pee Dee 10.12 A. M., arrive Latta 10.56 A. M., Dillon 10.56 A. M., Rowland 11.15 A. M. Returning, leaves Rowland 6.10 P. M.; arrives Dillon 6.31 P. M., Latta 6.44 P. M., Pee Dee 7.06 P. M., daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Chadbourn 12.01 P. M.; arrive Conway 2.20 P. M.; returning leave Conway 3.55 P. M arrive Chadbourn 5.30 P. M, leave Chadbourn 5.40 P. M., arrive Elrod 6.10 A. M., returning leave Elrod 6.40 A. M., arrive Chadbourn 11.25 A. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains leave Sumter 6.50 P. M., Manning 6.58 P. M.; arrive Lane's 7.40 P. M.; leave Lane's 8.00 A. M., Manning 9.00 A. M.; arrive Sumter 9.47 A. M. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lane's 8.40 A. M., 47.00 P. M.; arrive Georgetown 10 A. M., 48.20 P. M.; leave Georgetown 6.30 A. M.; 44.15 P. M.; arrive Lane's 6.00 A. M.; 48.25 P. M.

Trains leave Florence daily except Sunday at 10.03 A. M.; arrive Darlington 10.36 A. M., Hartsville 9.53 P. M., Cheraw 11.45 A. M., Wadesboro 12.10 P. M.; leave Florence daily except Sunday at 8.00 P. M.; arrive Darlington 8.28 P. M., Bennettsville 9.32 P. M., Gibson 10.20 P. M. Leave Florence Sunday only 10.15 A. M., arrive Darlington 10.30 A. M.

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Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 1.30 P. M., 11.10 P. M., arrive Selma 3.45 P. M., 11.30 P. M., Smithfield 4.00 P. M., Dunn 3.40 P. M., Fayetteville 4.35 P. M., 1.10 A. M., Rowland 6.10 P. M., returning leave Rowland 11.15 A. M., Fayetteville 12.35 P. M., 10.07 P. M., Dunn 1.34 P. M., Smithfield 2.03 P. M. Selma 2.10 P. M., 11.35 P. M., arrive Wilson 3.57 P. M., 12.07 A. M.

Trains leave Sumter 4.33 A. M., Creston 5.17 A. M., arrive Denmark 6.14 A. M. Returning leave Denmark 4.35 P. M., Creston 5.30 P. M. Sumter 6.19 P. M. Daily.

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The Morning Star.
WILMINGTON, N. C.
TUESDAY MORNING, DEC. 31.

NELLIE CROPSEY'S REMAINS.

Body Taken to New York for Burial—Wilcox Moved From Elizabeth City Jail, Probably to Raleigh.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 30.—The body of Ella M. Cropsey passed through here to-day, accompanied by her uncle, A. G. Cropsey, lawyer, of No. 3 Chambers street, New York. A large crowd met it at the depot. Lawyer Cropsey will return to Elizabeth City and assist in the prosecution of Wilcox.

Wilcox has been taken from Elizabeth City under cover and is on his way to Norfolk in a wagon. He is the protection of the prisoner. It is thought that he will be confined in the penitentiary until his trial in March, unless he is bailed prior to that time.

Excitement Dying Out.

ELIZABETH CITY, Dec. 30.—The excitement over the Cropsey case is dying out and business is being resumed. The talk of lynching James Wilcox is heard no longer, the people having decided to permit the law to take its course. The citizens' committee and Solicitor Ward are collecting evidence against Wilcox to present to the grand jury when it meets in March next. There has been a report for the past twenty-four hours that Wilcox had been removed to Norfolk, Va., for safe keeping, the authorities fearing that the people would attack the jail. To night, Sheriff Grandy denied this. Wilcox is still in jail here and the authorities expect no further trouble. Solicitor Ward has insisted that Wilcox be given a preliminary hearing next Wednesday. He was anxious that it should be held to-day, but E. F. Aydlette, who represents Wilcox, demurred, saying that he had not had an opportunity to consult with Wilcox's father, who is still at home.

Any attempt to get Wilcox out on bail will be resisted by Solicitor Ward. Chairman Greenleaf, of the citizens' committee, asserts that he has much additional evidence of which the public is in ignorance. It is known that one important piece which the committee has is an empty whiskey bottle found on the river bank in front of the Cropsey home. A local saloonkeeper has identified the bottle as having been sold by him, and has also said that he sold one like it to Wilcox.

Wilcox is still in jail and refuses absolutely to make any statement regarding his conduct on the night Miss Cropsey disappeared.

WRECKS ON RAILROADS.

B. & O. Train in Collision With a Massive Rock—Two Men Killed—Engineer Seriously Injured.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PARKERSBURG, W. VA., Dec. 30.—Two men are missing, one badly injured, an engine and four cars are at the foot of an embankment, two other cars are wrecked and a hundred feet of track are torn up as a result of a collision with a massive rock by a westbound freight train on the B. & O. railroad at No. 3, tunnel near Long Run early to-day. The engine struck the rock which had been rolled down from the hill just as the train came out of the tunnel. The two missing men are Fireman A. R. Hill and Brakeman E. B. Putnam, both of Grafton. They are probably dead beneath the wreck. Engineer Hope Goudy, was so seriously injured he proably will die. Heavy rains loosened the rock.

COLUMBUS, MISS., Dec. 30.—A passenger train on the Southern railway was derailed at Ittabena, Miss., early to day. A tree had been blown across the track by last night's storm, and when the train struck, the engine was turned over and the balance of the train left the track. Engineer McWilliams was buried under the train and killed. No other casualties have been reported.

ACCIDENT NEAR LYNCHBURG.

Wreck On the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad—Four Men Killed.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The official version of the wreck on the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad yesterday was telegraphed to-day to the office of the company in this city by President Stevens at Richmond, Va. The dispatch from Stevens says:

"No. 9, composed of engine, one baggage car and one coach, struck slide two miles west of Reusen on James river branch of Chesapeake and Ohio railway about seven o'clock last afternoon, derailing the engine but doing no further damage. Conductor Whitaker, Engineer Fisher, Baggageman Thompson and Express Messenger Shannon with others pushed the coach back out of the way of possible danger and were engaged in pushing the baggage car back when another slide came in, striking the baggage car and throwing it into the river with the four men first mentioned, all of whom were killed. No other persons injured except slightly."

Captain James Parker, one of Admiral Schley's counsel, says that Admiral Schley regards the case as closed, but that his friends will ask changes, to vindicate him by retiring him on ull pay and reimbursing him for the expense of his trial.

John Mansfield, colored fireman, was killed in a freight wreck on the Southern railroad near Remington, Va., last night.

Says He Was Tortured.

"I suffered such pains from corns I could hardly walk," writes H. Robinson, Hillsborough, Ills., "but Bucklen's Arnica Salve completely cured them." Acts like magic on sprains, bruises, cuts, sores, scalds, burns, boils, ulcers. Perfect healer of skin diseases and piles. Cure guaranteed by R. R. Bellamy. 25c.

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For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher

SERIOUS DAMAGE BY HEAVY RAINS.

In Georgia, Alabama, East Tennessee, Virginia and Portions of North Carolina.

RAILROAD TRAFFIC BLOCKED

Washouts On Many Lines—Trains Wrecked—Bridges Carried Away—Thousands of Dollars Worth of Property Destroyed.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 30.—The torrential rains of the past two days in Georgia, Alabama and East Tennessee and portions of North Carolina caused the death of four persons as far as known and inflicted serious damage to all kinds of property. The rains have been followed by much colder weather, accompanied by high winds. The Weather Bureau announced today that the Chattahoochee river would continue to rise during the next thirty six hours, and it is feared much damage will result. Three people were drowned at West Point, Ga., while attempting to cross the Chattahoochee, and Thomas Russell and an engineer on the Atlanta and West Point railroad were killed in a freight wreck caused by a washout near Notasul, Ga. Thousands of dollars worth of property has been destroyed at West Point, and there is much suffering. To-day the water in the streets of West Point was from one to five feet deep. Many of the people spent the night in Fort Tyler. No trains have been sent through from Atlanta to Montgomery over the Atlanta and West Point road since Sunday and the Southern railway's New York and New Orleans limited last night was sent around by Birmingham and Meridian. A washout is reported on the Southern between Asheville and Knoxville. At Columbus, Ga., the Chattahoochee registered thirty-eight feet. The property damage is already heavy. Nearly five inches of rain have fallen in the vicinity of Rome, Ga. Two washouts are reported on the main line of the Louisville and Nashville road south of Montgomery.

Trains Blocked at Asheville.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Dec. 30.—The storm of the past two days has crippled the train service. Traffic from the west on the Southern railway has been completely blocked since yesterday morning, trains being waterbound at White Pine, N. C. Trains on the Asheville-Spartanburg division are waterbound at Campobello, but passengers are coming through about six hours late. At Tunnells, on Black mountain, the French Broad river is within a foot and a half of high water mark.

Flood at Chattanooga.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., Dec. 30.—An average of three inches of rainfall over the Tennessee river basin since Saturday sent the water over the thirty-three foot danger line here to-day. The water is now rising at the rate of four inches an hour. The Tennessee flood warning service announces that the river will reach thirty-eight feet here by 10 o'clock to night and will go over forty feet by to morrow afternoon. Merchants in the business section of the city are removing all goods from their basements in expectation that they will be flooded.

Bridges Washed Away.

BRISTOL, TENN., Dec. 30.—High water has washed out three spans of the Virginia and Southwestern railway bridge at Elizabethtown, two spans of the bridge at Butler, half a mile of track between Elizabethtown and Maymead and several trestles on the Tennessee division of the road, forcing a suspension of traffic. The East Tennessee and Western North Carolina has also suffered serious washouts.

ANDERSON, S. C., Dec. 30.—One hundred and fifty feet of the Anderson Light and Power Cowpany's dam, at Portman Shoals, in Seneca river, have been washed away. The damage is at least $100,000.

Damage in Alabama.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., Dec 20.—All outgoing trains from Montgomery were annulled yesterday on account of washouts. Last night, however, tracks on the Central of Georgia and the Plant system were repaired sufficiently to admit of trains being run. On the Louisville and Nashville the passenger train from the South ran into a washout near Bushy Creek. The engine and the postal and baggage cars went into the washout but nobody was hurt as the train was running very slowly. A trestle on the main line eight miles south of Montgomery is down. Three hundred feet of track was washed away near this point. One hundred feet of track was washed away at Catoma Creek.

Fifty feet of the big dam across the Tallapoosa river near Tallapoosa is out. The dam had just been completed and cost a million dollars.

Freshet in the James.

RICHMOND, VA., Dec. 30.—There has been a tremendous rush of water down the James river last night and to day. The people in the lower part of the city are moving out, and the wharves at Rocketts are under water. The extreme lower part of the city is cut off. Owing to the fact that the wires are down along the James river division of the Chesapeake & Ohio, nothing can be learned definitely of the conditions above. It is expected that the water here will reach its height about midnight, and fears are that the freshet will be the heaviest in years. No fatalities have been reported.

Luray reports a great freshet in the Shenandoah, which has seriously interfered with the running of trains.

RICHMOND, VA., Dec., 30 —At 11:30 to-night the James river was still rising. The water is in the streets at the new Chesapeake and Ohio and Seaboard Air Line depot, and the Trigg shipyards are partially submerged. So far the gas works and electric light plants are safe. There will be no very serious damage to property.

Sleet and Snow.

ROANOKE, VA., Dec. 30.—Railroad traffic in Southwestern Virginia has been seriously interfered with for the past forty-eight hours, owing to the heavy fall of snow and rain during the last two weeks. Many washouts are reported on the Norfolk and Western main line, the Roanoke and Southern and the Shenandoah Valley railways.

John Wright lost his life in this county last night while attempting to cross a swollen stream on a horse.

A heavy fall of sleet and snow at Christiansburg to-day has prostrated the telegraph and telephone lines in that vicinity.

A telegram from Radford to-night says New river has been flooded again for the fifth time this year, breaking all records. The water rose twenty feet and spread over the adjacent country, partially submerging trees, houses and railway tracks.

Flood in the Yadkin.

WINSTON, N. C., Dec. 30.—The Yadkin river is thirty feet above the common water level this afternoon. Two railroad trestles on the Mooresville road were washed away. The passenger train was cancelled to day.

Two escaped convicts were captured last night at the river, one had jumped, expecting to swim across, but turned back on account of high water.

VIRGINIA-CAROLINA CHEMICAL

Suit Began in South Carolina Against the Company On the Ground That It is a Trust and Monopoly.

Special to the Baltimore Sun.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 29.—Acting under instructions and authority given him at the last session of the Legislature, Attorney General Bellinger has begun suit against the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company on the ground that it is a trust and monopoly.

Six or eight of the large fertilizer and oil mill companies having domestic charters that were acquired by the Virginia-Carolina Company are also made defendants in this suit. If the complaint of the State is sustained by State courts receivers will be appointed for those companies having South Carolina charters that have sold or transferred their property to the Virginia-Carolina Company. The charter issued to this latter company, as a foreign corporation, will be annulled, and it will be deprived of the privilege of doing business or owning property in South Carolina.

It devolves upon the State to prove that the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company is a monopoly, or proposes to be. That proved, the law makes the acquiring of concerns in this State in the same line of business illegal and void. And it is provided the companies that have transferred their property shall refund the purchase money and take back their property, which in the meantime will be taken in charge by receivers.

The Attorney General charges that the company already owns nearly every cotton seed oil mill in South Carolina and is rapidly acquiring a monopoly of the land fertilizer beds.

FLOODS IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Damage in Philadelphia—Every Mill Along the River Forced to Suspend—Railroad Tracks Under Water.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Dec. 30.—Reports from all parts of Eastern Pennsylvania to-night show that the rivers and creeks, which became greatly swollen as a result of Saturday night and Sunday's continuous rains are steadily falling. There is one exception, however, the lower part of the Susquehanna river being reported to be still rising and close to the danger mark. Although considerable damage was done, the losses will not be great, most of the flooded areas being lowlands along the upper Schuylkill Lehigh and Susquehanna rivers. In the anthracite coal district, a few of the mines were flooded, causing a suspension of work for the day. Along the lower Susquehanna there is apprehension that damage will result from ice gorges. The water is said to be rising six inches an hour in that vicinity.

The Schuylkill river in this city rose eighteen feet above the normal, which rise has been passed only once in thirty-two years Manayunk, one of the mill districts, situated along the Schuylkill in the northwestern part of the city, suffered most from the flood. Every mill along the river was forced to suspend operations, throwing out of work for the day about 3,000 persons. The river drives through Fairmont park and several sections of the railroad tracks on both sides of the river between the park and the mouth of the Schuylkill, were under water for a short time during the day. It was feared that the Baltimore and Ohio station on the east side of the river at Chestnut street would be flooded, but just as the water got within a few feet of doing harm the water began to recede and all danger was over.

The rain, which began falling at 7 o'clock Saturday night, ceased at 8 o'clock this morning, and in that time the precipitation amounted to 3 26 inches.

A SHOOTING AFFRAY.

Two Men Dangerously Wounded at Newport News, Va.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Dec. 30.—Aylett Ashby, a prominent attorney of this city, shot and perhaps fatally wounded City Engineer E. A. Marye, and also dangerously wounded Police Officer Woodward, who had Marye under arrest at the time.

Mr. Marye is a rejected suitor of Miss May Garnett, a popular society lady of this city, who is a sister-in-law of Mr. Ashby. It seems that Mr. Marye made himself objectionable at the young lady's home last summer and was ordered from the house.

To day Marye, who had been drinking, called at the residence of the Garnetts and on being refused admission threw several bricks through the windows. Officer Woodward arrested him. On the way to the station house they were met by Mr. Ashby, who had been telephoned by his wife. Without a word Ashby fired four shots in rapid succession. Mr. Marye was struck in the abdomen. Officer Woodward was struck over the left breast. The physicians have little hope of Mr. Marye's recovery.

ENGINEER MURDERED.

Killed by Four Men on a Railroad Train Near Leland, Miss.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MEMPHIS, TENN., Dec. 30.—Four men to-day killed J. M. Rhea, a railroad engineer, of Vicksburg, who was a passenger on the north bound Yazoo and Mississippi Valley train, just out of Leland, Miss. They then took possession of the train, compelled the engineer to uncouple the engine and to carry them on up the road, where they tried to escape. They were all captured. Their names are: Ashley Cocke, A. M. Phipps, Tom Lauderdale and a man named Blackman. Cocke is a wealthy planter and merchant of Cleveland, Miss.; Phipps is postmaster at Shelby, Miss.; Lauderdale is a relative of Phipps. Cocke had a revolver. Blackman and Lauderdale each carried Winchester rifles. Phipps was unarmed. Indignation is intense and it is feared there may be an attempt at lynching.

The United States cruiser Prairie sailed yesterday morning from Norfolk, Va., for Port of Spain, Trinidad, near the coast of Venezuela.

For Croup use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.
For sale by Hardin's Palace Pharmacy.

AN ULTIMATUM TO VENEZUELA.

Will be Issued by Germany Within Three Days and an Attack Will Follow.

MANY SENSATIONAL RUMORS

No Truth in Reports That Diplomatic Relations Have Been Broken Off--United States Satisfied With Germany's Position—War Talk.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—A dispatch to the *Central News*, from Berlin, says:

"It is believed to be certain here that an ultimatum will be issued within three days, and that an attack on Venezuela will follow directly after. In addition to the Vineto, the Faulke, two training ships and the cruiser Geir have been ordered to Laguira.

"In the meanwhile, I am officially assured that the German Charge d'Affairs has not left Caracas, and that diplomatic relations have not yet been broken off.

"An agreement has been reached between Germany and the United States in regard to the German course of action in Venezuela."

Sensational Reports.

BERLIN, Dec. 30.—The German foreign office authorizes the Associated Press to announce there is no truth whatever in the dispatches from Caracas saying that the German minister has left the Venezuelan capital after a heated exchange of words with President Castro.

The German charge d'affaires, Herr von Pilgrim Baltazzi, is still at his post and is continuing negotiations with President Castro.

There has not been any question of breaking off diplomatic relations with Venezuela. The German minister to Venezuela, Dr. O. Schmidt Leda, who has been on a vacation here, is now on his way to Caracas.

The foreign office again solemnly reiterates the statement that it does not contemplate territorial acquisitions in Venezuela.

Replying to Germany's assurances to the United States regarding the former's plans in connection with Venezuela, the foreign office here has received an answer from Secretary Hay, expressing full satisfaction with Germany's position. Germany still hopes to collect her claims peaceably.

Talk of War With United States.

BERLIN, Dec. 30.—The *Tageblatt*, this evening, prints, a double-leaded dispatch from Washington setting forth that the principal military and naval authorities there consider that a war between the United States and Germany, sooner or later, is inevitable.

The United States ambassador, Andrew D. White, informed the German newspaper men who called at the embassy to-day that the reports of the possibility of war between the United States and Germany were the "thinnest kind of sensational nonsense." Not one of the authorities referred to in the *Tageblatt's* dispatch he added, would under any circumstance disclose such an opinion, least of all when the relations between the two countries are so good as at present. "Moreover," said Mr. White, "President Roosevelt, the commander-in-chief of both the army and the navy, it is well known entertains not only official but personal predilections for Germany, which have been made known not only officially to the German government but which have long been known among his friends."

Germany's Demonstration Postponed.

CARACAS, Dec. 30.—The Venezuelan government has sent a request to Berlin that Herr Knoop, manager of the German railway be discharged. It is believed that Manager Knoop will be expelled.

The *Official Gazette*, published today, contains a resolution of the Venezeulan government setting forth that Herr Knoop is unfit any longer to deal with the government, as he is an accomplice in the present revolution and must be discharged. The resolution further says Herr Knoop will probably be expelled from Venezuela.

Traffic over the German railway continues to be suspended. It can be said upon excellent authority that Germany's contemplated naval demonstration against certain Venezuelan ports will be postponed until the termination of the present revolution against President Castro.

WARM WIRELETS.

The British war office has issued a further list of the British casualties at Zeefontein, showing that fifty men were wounded and 246 made prisoners. The latter have all been released.

Ex-Congressman William H. H. Cowles died at his home in Wilkesboro, N. C., yesterday. Col. Cowles was a distinguised officer of the Confederate army, and served four terms in Congress.

Gov. Longino, of Mississippi, has chartered the Memphis and Mobile railroad, which is to run diagonally across the State of Mississippi. Work will be begun at once. Eastern capitalists are behind the enterprise.

Tony Moran, of New York, who was billed to box 25 rounds with Tommy Feltz, before the Southern Athletic Association at Charleston, S. C, last night, threw up the sponge after the tenth round. He declared that one of his ribs had been fractured.

Mr. and Mrs. George Vanderbilt are entertaining a party of distinguished guests at Biltmore house. The party includes Ambassador Joseph Choate, Prince Delgracio Talleyrand Perigord, and Commander W. J. Cowles and Mrs. Cowles, of Washington.

Frank H. Peavey, one of the best known grain men in the country died in Chicago of pneumonia. Mr. Peavy was the largest owner of grain elevators in the country. His life insurance amounts to $1,376,000.

Taylor's Studio will close at 2:30 o'clock on New Year's Day.

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Notice—Call on us for Country Produce of all kinds, Chickens, Eggs, Butter, Liver Pudding, Quail and Fruits. Also, Vegetables in season. J. K. Westbrook & Co., wholesale and retail, 226 Market street, Bell 'Phone 447. dec 29 tf

The Dixie Cafe—Most popular place in town for quick lunches, meals and everything to refresh the inner man. Tables always supplied with oysters and game. Orders sent anywhere in the city. S. F. Harmon, proprietor, Princess street. dec 6 tf

For the Next 30 Days I will sell at 10 per cent. discount, for cash, all Buggies, Carts, Drays and Wagons; also, Harness of all kinds, Whips, Robes and Collars. P. H. Hayden, Third street, opposite Court House. nov 17 tf

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Old Newspapers for sale by the hundred at the STAR Office. Excellent for underlaying carpets, or for wrapping paper. oct 4 tf

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You Pay the money, we furnish the blaze.

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dec 25 tf

Christmas Help.

Did you ever go shopping and have only a vague notion of what you wanted? Suppose you think a little of the Goods we mention. Perfume and Toilet Soap, a very large assortment; Hair Brushes, Combs and Mirrors in great variety; Puff and Soap Boxes, some beauties. Toilet Cases from 25c to $5.00 each. We have scores of other articles appropriate for gifts, and we're anxious to have you examine our line.

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21 Tubs G. E. Butter.
1,511 Bushels N. C. Peanuts.
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Wholesale Grocer,
108, 110, 112 Nutt street,
dec 22 tf Wilmington, N. C.

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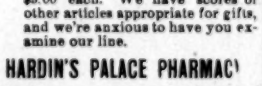

WILMINGTON, N. C., December 27, 1901.
The Board of Directors of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company have declared a dividend of one and one half (1½) per cent. on the common capital stock of that company, payable to all holders of record of January 1st, 1902. Dividend due and payable at the Treasurer's office, Wilmington, North Carolina, on and after January 10th, 1902. Transfer books will stand closed from December 31st, 1901, to January 9th, 1902, inclusive.
JAS. F. POST,
dec 29 10t Secretary and Treasurer.

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The management is prudent and economical as is shown by the fact that the Association has sustained no losses, and its annual expenses, including taxes, are only about Two Hundred Dollars.
J. D. CROOM President.

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Thanking you for past favors we ask a continuance of the same.

Mercer & Evans Co.
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Turner's North Carolina Almanacs, wholesale and retail.
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Also a full line of Canned Goods in connection with our regular stock of heavy groceries.
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Thanks, Thanks, Many Thanks.

I would like to thank each person for their liberal Christmas trade. Our Store was the shopper's home.

Christmas has passed but New Year is coming.

In our toy department we have lots of good things left—Velocipedes, Tricycles, Baby Carriages, Go-carts, Goat Sulkies, Wagons, etc., that we are willing to sell at actual cost rather than carry them over. For Christmas trees we have all kinds of little toys that we will sell at one-fourth of the price. Seventy-five cents buys a dollar's worth of goods in this line.

We have 300 pairs Kid Gloves to sell out, regular $1.00 Gloves, to close out, 25c a pair. A big lot of Men's Winter Gloves, all kinds and prices. A nice lot of Engineers' and Motormen's Gloves at 1.00 a pair. A lot of new styles in Men' Raglan Overcoats, been selling at $10.00, now 5.98 each. A nice line of Ladies' Water-proof Wool Mackintoshes at 2.30 to 3.25, worth 5.00. A big lot of Men's Overcoats, worth 10.00, all wool high grade goods, to close out at 5.00 to decrease our stock. We have 48 Taffata Silk Shirtwaists, handsomely made, new style goods, that are worth 3.95 to 5.00 each, our price on them for your choice is 2.00. 20 Black Satin Shirtwaists, worth 5.00, for 2.00 to close; 300 dozen Fancy Feathers just received, bought all a wholesale house had; fancy Cote Feather Breasts that sold for 50c, now 25c.

Just received 100 dozen fine new Hats that we are selling at less than half price—25c and 50c each; 1,000 yards Chiffon, in all colors, that we sold last season for 75c per yard, we will now sell for 25c. 84 pieces of quadruple plate Silverware to close out, goods that were 35c we will now sell for 17c a piece. Ebony handle, silver trimmed novelties for 9c each.

In our Overall Department we handle three standard lines, all union made. We handle Sweet Orr overalls and coats at 75c and 90c each. Morris Bros.' union-made overalls at 50c, 75c and 90c. We have recently added a new line called the Newport overalls, the finest made for engineers, firemen and mechanics. They are made to fit. Price $1.00. A comparison is all we ask. We have a heavy weight, double knee overall at 37c a pair.

In our Shoe Department we have just received 48 cases of fine new Shoes. We are selling agents for this city for the Battle Axe brand. Every pair warranted solid leather and warranted to give satisfaction, or a new pair given in the place of them. We have them for boys and girls, men and women, from 75c to $2.50 a pair. Ladies' all solid, genuine Dongola top, patent tip shoes, well worth $1.25, our special price 98c.

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